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# Vietnam veteran finally home

Discovery of comrade's remains  
frees Jon Evans from burden

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For 34 years, Jon Evans has been haunted by the Soldier's creed "I will never leave a fallen comrade behind."

This past spring, the nightmares that haunted Evans came to an end.

No longer was Evans troubled by his inability in 1971 to recover the bodies of Maj. Jack Barker and his three-man crew, who all died in a horrific helicopter explosion thought to have been caused by one of the first shoulder-fired surface-to-air missiles used against U.S. aircraft in Laos during the Vietnam War. With the remains of Barker and his crew found and given a hero's burial earlier this year, Evans was also able to bury his Soldier's obligation to a fallen comrade.

"The whole situation left a hole in my heart," said Evans, who today, as assistant program executive officer for aviation and the director of the Logistics Support Facility, helps to make the military's aircraft safer and more war worthy.

"It took us 34 years. But, we finally got it done so these four families could have some closure. God has blessed me. I have some degree of redemption for my survivor's remorse through the work I am now doing that brings me close to today's real-life aviators."

From the moment he saw Barker's helicopter explode over Laos, Evans has wanted to recover the aircraft's four missing Soldiers and, through that recovery, heal the emotional wound that he has carried since leaving a fallen Soldier behind. He has channeled his efforts on many different levels – personally in being the best husband and father he can be and professionally in his work to provide aviation Soldiers with the "best equipment to do the mission and survive in a hostile environment." Today, he is a Soldier who has come to grips with saying "goodbye" to a young hero he only knew for a short time.

Evans, the first to graduate high school as the middle child in a family of 13, joined the Army as an infantryman in 1967. He went on to Officer's Candidate School and became an airborne ranger, serving two tours in Vietnam as a Soldier in the 101st Airborne Division. Among his many missions, there was one that affected him deeply – Operation Lam Son 719.

The intent of the mission was to destroy a rail head and distribution center on the Ho Chi Minh trail, thus interrupting the communication and supply lines of the North Vietnamese Army. While the Army of the Republic of Vietnam provided the



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**MAN OF DUTY**— Jon Evans, assistant program executive officer for aviation and the director of the Logistics Support Facility, was haunted for nearly 34 years by his inability to recover the remains of his friend Maj. Jack Barker, who was killed in 1971 when his helicopter exploded in Laos. The recent recovery and burial of the remains of Barker and his three-man crew has freed Evans of his duty to "never leave a fallen comrade behind."

ground forces, the U.S. Army and Air Force furnished aviation resources and supporting firepower.

The operation began on Jan. 29, 1971, when about 16,000 South Vietnamese troops were airlifted into Laos on about 2,600 U.S. helicopters.

"There were no American ground forces, except for special operations," Evans said. "We were prohibited by Congress of being involved in an invasion of Laos and Cambodia. But, our aviation forces were allowed to be part of the operation."

The ARVN proved to be no match for the powerful NVA. A helicopter assault on Tchepone was successful and the abandoned village was seized on March 6. But

**"The sons and daughters and, in some cases, the grandchildren of the Soldiers from Vietnam are flying today's aircraft that make the mission easier and more survivable because of the modifications we are doing on them. This gives me an opportunity for payback."**

— Jon Evans  
Vietnam veteran

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# An open lane random survey

*What is the best family vacation destination?*

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**Tom Sommerkamp**  
military spouse  
"There's a place in Texas called Schlitterbahn near Austin. It's one of the biggest water parks in the country. We went there a couple years ago. There were things for all ages."

**Brian Harrington**  
DoD civilian  
"Disney World – that's where I'd like to take my kids."



**Master Sgt. Terry Long**  
LOGSA  
"I'd like to take my kids to Disney World."

**Jacob Hill**  
retiree  
"A Disney cruise to Jamaica – it just sounds like fun."



## Quote of the week

**'I**f you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride — and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards.'

— Paul "Bear" Bryant

# Plans for gate closure weighed

**S**ince the Patton Road incident has taken place and some of the traffic is entering Redstone Arsenal via alternate gates, will the Zierdt Road/Gate 7 closure still take place as planned?

**Debbie Sisk**  
Apache Attack Helicopter

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The Garrison Directorate of Public Works is in the process of planning and executing the replacement of two bridges located on primary roadways within the Arsenal. The locations of these bridges are as follows: Martin Road over Indian Creek bridge, located just west of the Rideout Road/Martin Road intersection; and the Patton Road/Martin Road overpass, located southeast of the Sparkman Complex. Both of these structures play an integral role in the traversing of vehicular traffic on and off the installation and within the Arsenal's boundaries.*

*"The Indian Creek bridge is located on the west side of the installation providing passage, on average, for more than 6,000 vehicles daily. This bridge is more than 65 years old (reaching its life expectancy) and has begun to deteriorate at an accelerated rate. Several months ago, the bridge was determined to be in a condition unsuitable for the passage of vehicles with a gross weight of more than 3 tons.*

*"Since then, measures have been put in place to inspect the bridge on a monthly basis ensuring that the bridge continues to provide safe passage. These inspections have documented the continual deterioration of the bridge identifying the need for replacement. The Garrison has secured the necessary funds for replacement and is*

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*currently awaiting appropriate environmental approvals before beginning work. Tentatively, the replacement of the bridge is expected to begin in the late summer/early fall time frame and take approximately five months to complete (depending on weather conditions). During the time of construction, the roadway will be closed to through traffic; however, Gate 7 will remain open allowing access to the facilities located on the western side of the installation.*

*"The Patton Road overpass received a substantial impact from a heavy equipment transport which resulted in catastrophic damage to the bridge. The effected portion of Patton Road will remain closed until the necessary funds are acquired to repair the bridge. In the meantime, a detour has been put in place to safely direct vehicular traffic around the impassible portion of the Patton Road roadway. This detour will allow for the continual traversing of traffic north and south on the Arsenal.*

*"It is expected that the closing of Martin Road west will take place while Patton Road overpass remains impassible. Even though, these are both primary roadways on the installation and will have a significant impact on Redstone traffic, the current conditions of the Indian Creek bridge warrant its expeditious replacement.*

*"Therefore, the closing of Martin Road west will not be delayed until the Patton Road overpass is repaired.*

*"The patience of the Redstone community is greatly appreciated. It is DPW's objective to execute both bridge projects in the most effective and efficient way possible taking the necessary measures to limit the impact to the Redstone community while providing a safer roadway infrastructure for the installation."*

# Drivers, please hang up phone

**T**hank you for posting a letter by Steve Huffman in the June 21 *Rocket*, reminding drivers to be observant for motorcycles. I also noted the NHTSA article detailing many of the statistics of motorcycle accidents nationwide. I believe a few things need to be stressed, however.

According to a study conducted by the University of Southern California (Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures), in two-thirds of motorcycle accidents involving another vehicle (which comprise 75 percent of accidents) the other vehicle had violated the motorcyclists' right of way. We have seen an increase in motorcycle fatalities since 1997, and I think I know why: the widespread use of cellular telephones since that time.

Although forbidden on post, I still see cell phones (without hands-free devices) in use by drivers all over the installation, and rare is the week that at least one of these folks doesn't change lanes into me, pull out into my lane, or turn in front of me. It's even worse off post. Within the last week I have seen two different drivers hold a cell phone with one hand and wave the other hand for emphasis, not only releasing the steering wheel, but obviously engaging in a conversation that was far too distracting.

I'm willing to bet that the driver of the pickup truck that turned left in front of me at University and Providence Main on the night of Nov. 8 was on a cell phone. I'll never know for certain, because despite the screeching tires and the sight and sounds of my motorcycle striking the pavement and passing a few inches behind his bumper, he never even slowed down. (Neither alcohol nor excessive speed was a factor.) The level of inattention shown by the other driver is, I find, most often exhibited by those whose phone conversations take precedence over the task of safely operating a 2,000-pound vehicle in close proximity to others. I implore people with whom I share the road to please put the phone down until they get home, whether on post or not. Talk to your driving-age kids about this, too. The life you save may be mine.

**David Rumney**

# Accident witnesses wanted

**A** Soldier needs witnesses for an accident occurring on Saturday, June 17 at approximately 6:15 p.m., north bound on 255, just north of 565 at the Madison Pike overpass. The Soldier was driving a 2001 Red Dodge Ram pickup and was run off the road by a late model blue Dodge Neon. The Neon was traveling northbound in the center lane at about 20 mph. The truck was in the left lane traveling at 50 mph when the Neon swerved left with no signal about 10 feet in front of the truck.

The Soldier in the truck swerved left and off the road to avoid the Neon and struck the guard rail underpass for Madison Pike. A white Suzuki SUV behind the truck spun to a stop just missing hitting both vehicles.

If you witnessed this accident, please call Lt. Col. William Ford as soon as possible at 955-1174 or 783-5433.

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Kim Stoufer

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Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

**Where do you call home?**  
Grassy, Ala. (in Marshall County)

**What do you like about your job?**  
My co-workers. Helping people.  
And I get paid every two weeks.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

Fix cars. I have an old Mercedes that I have to work on to keep it going. I can work on German autos (laugh).

**What are your goals?**

Years from now, I want to be at the



beach watching the sunset, drinking margaritas. And for my children to be safe and happy (sons Jonathan, 29, Daniel, 20, and daughter Amy, 17).

**What's your favorite type of music?**  
Jazz and bluegrass

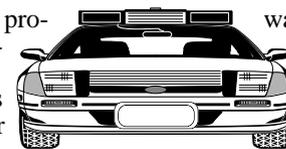
# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

**June 15:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license after being stopped for speeding. He was issued two violation notices and released.

**June 16:** A person reported that while at the airport in Chicago someone removed several computer items, some of which belonged to him and the government. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**June 17:** An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and then exiting without rendering proper payment. She



was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**June 18:** An individual was observed selecting items in the Post Exchange and then exiting without rendering proper payment. She was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Traffic accidents reported:** seven without injuries, none with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 10 speeding, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 following too close, 1 driving with no driver's license, 1 inattentive driving.

## Changes call on telephone numbers

*Prepare to dial 7 digits to place call on post*

Get ready to change how you make on-post, local, long-distance and DSN calls.

Starting Friday, Redstone Arsenal will change the current dialing access codes to comply with the Department of Defense standard.

"When we purchased the telephone infrastructure and transferred ownership to the Garrison Directorate of Information Management we knew we would have to make some changes so the telephone system would be in compliance with DoD standards and certifications," Communications Division chief Ricky Prince said. "These changes also allow us to add capabilities for future enhancements like additional prefixes."

In order to meet the requirements, the current dialing access codes and on-post 5-digit numbers will change as follows:

- Telephone lines will require 7-digit dialing for all on-post calls (876, 842, 313 and 955).
  - Access code to make FTS (long-distance) calls will change from 7 to 97.
  - Access code to make DSN calls will change from 8 to 94. When initiating a DSN call, the user will not get a second dial tone after dialing the DSN access code (94). The user should continue to dial their number.
  - Local off-post calls will change from 4 to 99.
  - On-post emergency numbers (911) and operator assistance (0) remains the same.
- Prince advises customers to review and edit all speed dial lists on their telephones, fax

machines and VTC units.

He also recommends that customers who have phones with the call forwarding option check and see if they'll need to edit any numbers, especially on ISDN sets with call forwarding variable feature buttons. Customers serviced by internally managed telephone systems (Private Branch Exchanges) should not be affected by this change.

The DOIM contact for this action, David Williams, can be reached at 313-1137 or e-mail david.williams@redstone.army.mil.

### Dialing Access Code changes

- All on-base calls change to 7-digit dialing (842-1000 instead of 2-1000)
- Local off-base calls change from 4 to 99
- Long-distance FTS calls change from 7 to 97
- DSN calls change from 8 to 94



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Executive training

Participating in AMCOM executive Lean Six Sigma training June 19-21 are, from left, Dr. Richard Amos, deputy to the commanding general; Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command; Col. Bob English, chief of staff; and Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates.

# Get moving with weight-loss team competition program

Movin' & Losin' signup under way

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Those unwanted pounds really show during the hot days of summer, the season for lightweight clothing and swimsuits. Morale Welfare and Recreation's Sports and Fitness wants to help you look your best.

Movin' & Losin' is a "get moving weight-loss competition," according to assistant sports director Phylissa Shannon. Sign up by July 10 for the eight-week program which starts the week of July 17.

"Anybody on Redstone Arsenal can participate," Shannon said. Five-member teams will compete for prizes at the end of the eight weeks with the eighth and final weigh-in Sept. 12.

MWR Sports and Fitness tries to offer the program three times each year. Teams get points for exercise, weight loss and for turning in their exercise sheets on time.

"If individuals want to participate, I can usually find them a team," Shannon said. "But it usually works better if they have a team of five (to sign up)."

Those interested can call her at 313-1202 or e-mail phylissa.shannon@redstone.army.mil.

Thirty-one teams participated in the program held from Feb. 7 through April 4. The 148 participants lost 558 pounds for an average of 3.75 pounds shed per person. Competitors can exercise on their own – by taking an aerobics class or walking during lunchtime, for



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**FUN IN SUN—** Finishing a one-mile walk are, from left, **Connie Smith, Susie Adams and Kellie O'Brien, all of the Fit Five team; and Connie Hannaford. The Fit Five finished fifth of 25 teams in the eight-week weight loss and exercise program which ended March 29, 2005.**

example.

"The only requirement is that they weigh in once a week at one of the fitness centers and they will turn in an exercise log at that time," Shannon said.

The last winning team, Body Come Back, lost about 17 pounds. Its members included Claire Camp, Jenella Lymon, Arlene Harris, Brenda Morgan-Bunley, Angeline Brownlow and Darnesheia Alexander.

"I think it's a good program," Harris, acting associate director for Engineering Directorate at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, said. "You have to set a goal and it makes it so you obtain your goal. When you're in competition, you make that extra effort, you go the extra mile. It gives you accountability. So I think it's a very good program."

This will be the team's fourth time in the program. "Everybody on that team was from St. Louis except for me," Harris said.

## Stop smoking with class at health center

Eight-week program for smoking cessation

The Preventive Medicine and Health Promotion Division of Fox Army Health Center will conduct a Smoking Cessation Program beginning with an orientation on July 11 at 9 a.m. at Fox.

This series of eight one-hour classes will begin at noon July 18 through Sept. 5 in the Preventive Medicine Classroom. Class size is limited to 10. Register for this program by calling 955-8888, ext.1207 for reservations.

Research shows that your chances of success more than double if you talk to a trained smoking cessation facilitator/coach.

You will learn via interactive participation:

- No crave episode will last more than three minutes.
- The average number of crave episodes.

- By day 10, a quitter is experiencing only 1.4 cravings per day.
- Six reasons that people gain weight and how to prevent it.
- HALT — Don't let yourself get too Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired.
- The stages of change.
- How you will grieve the loss of nicotine.
- Important preparation steps before setting the quit date.
- The importance of juices and vitamins.
- Stress reduction, relaxation techniques.
- Urge surfing.
- Abstinence violation effect.

You will be gently guided into the Stay Quit Mode knowing that you are the prime mover in your quitting but knowing that you have the support of staff and your group.

For individual coaching sessions or to schedule classes at your organization call Rick Stock, health promotion educator, at 955-8888, ext. 1443. (Fox Army Health Center release)

## Blood-feeding parasites lurking in long grass

Prevention the key against tick bites

By **CHERIE MILLER**  
Fox Army Health Center

With summer's arrival, Tennessee Valley residents should be prepared for the annual onslaught of arthropod pests including ticks. These pests can carry diseases which are harmful to both humans and animals. Ticks are already prevalent and are of major concern due to the numerous diseases they can transmit.

Ticks are blood-feeding parasites of birds, animals and humans. There are over 850 species of ticks of two distinct types: hard ticks and soft ticks. Soft ticks have tough, leathery, pitted skin with no distinct head. They are uncommon but may be found in caves and on birds. Hard ticks have a hard smooth skin and an apparent head. These ticks are found in the forest and on humans and animals. Hard ticks are associated with most tick-borne diseases in the United States. Common hard ticks in the Tennessee Valley are the dog tick, black-legged tick, lone star tick and the brown tick.

Ticks can carry disease germs in their bodies which they transmit to humans and animals when they bite. Ticks stay attached to the host by using a dartlike anchor with backward curving teeth which grip into the skin. They also secrete a cement that hardens and helps hold the tick on the host. The tick slices open the skin with the anchor, inserts the head under the skin and engorges itself on the blood. Some hard ticks are slow feeders and can take several days to finish a blood meal. They can extract up to 8 milliliters of blood during a feeding and can take up to 100 times their body weight in blood. They concentrate the blood during feeding and return much of the water back to the host. Disease can also be transmitted by body fluids when the ticks are crushed.

Not all ticks carry disease organisms, so getting a tick bite does not mean that disease will follow. However, you should look for signs and symptoms of tick-borne diseases following any tick bite. The common tick-borne diseases include Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and human ehrlichiosis.

Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in the U.S. It has spread rapidly with an increased number of cases in the Southeast where it is usually transmitted by the black-legged tick and the lone star tick. The common symptom of Lyme disease is a "bull's eye" rash around the site of the bite which appears three days to three weeks following the bite. The rash will have a clear center with a red ring outside that. Other symptoms include fever, chills, headache and fatigue. Rarely fatal, Lyme disease

can cause significant pain and discomfort if allowed to progress.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever, despite the name that describes its origin, is now abundant in the Southeast where the main vector is the dog tick. RMSF symptoms include fever, chills, muscle aches, bloodshot eyes and headaches with onset about 3-14 days after the tick bite. A spotty rash may occur on the feet and hands in 2-3 days. RMSF can be treated with antibiotics, but can be fatal when left untreated.

Human ehrlichiosis was identified in 1986 and has been found predominantly in the Southeast where its vector, the lone star tick, is prevalent. Symptoms appear in 1-21 days (average 7) and resemble RMSF without a rash. Symptoms can be mild to severe and several deaths have been reported.

Prevention is the key to avoid tick bites. Ticks like long grass and brush where they can attach to humans and pets as they walk by. Keep lawns mowed and remove brush and other vegetation near your home. Discourage wild animals from coming onto your property as they are often vectors for ticks. If you must be out in forested areas, use a commercial insect repellent effective against ticks. In addition, wear long pants with the legs tucked into socks or boots and a long sleeve shirt tucked in. Light colored clothing will allow you to spot ticks more easily. Check every few hours for ticks if you are in the forest for a long time. After returning, remove all clothing and launder immediately, and check your body carefully, paying special attention to hairy or warm, moist parts of the body.

If you do find a tick, remove it by using tweezers to grasp the tick's head and pull back slowly and steadily. Avoid pulling the tick out sharply as this may tear off the body parts and leave them imbedded in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouthparts like you would remove a splinter. Consider saving the tick in alcohol or freeze it in a pill vial or plastic bag. In case symptoms appear, identification of the tick may be important.

After removing the tick, wash the wound site with soap and water and apply an antiseptic. Avoid crushing the tick with your fingers as this will transmit any disease organisms to your hands. Also, wash your hands with soap and water after removing the tick and clean the tweezers with alcohol.

Ticks, unfortunately, are here to stay. But by following these preventive measures, you can make sure that ticks are one thing that won't be "bugging" you this season.

*Editor's note: Cherie Miller is the environmental health coordinator at Fox Army Health Center. For more information on ticks and tick-borne diseases call Preventive Medicine, Fox Army Health Center, at 955-8888, ext.1026.*

# Engineers cleaning up former ammunition site

*Camp Sibert had stockpile during World War II*

By JO ANITA MILEY  
Huntsville Engineering Center

The former Camp Sibert, which is nestled away between the cities of Gadsden, Steele, Attalla and Rainbow City, Ala., sits waiting to be cleaned up.

The Army Corps of Engineer's Huntsville Center and Mobile District have joined together to clean up Camp Sibert, which is a 37,035 acre-Formerly Used Defense Site.

During World War II the Army created a stockpile of toxic and lethal chemical agents, projectiles, ammunition and other explosives at Camp Sibert. After the war, the Army did not need Camp Sibert, and they cleaned it up according to the best practices available at the time.

The Army terminated the leases for the area in December 1946. Since then, most of the property has been privately owned, consisting of either pas-

ture or woodlands.

Mobile District began investigating Camp Sibert in 1992 and completed a phased environmental investigation at suspect areas in October 2005. The result of the investigation concluded that a Removal Action was required.

During the next three years, work will occur in four stages over 20-plus locations at an estimated cost of \$70 million to \$100 million.

"Our first stage involves brush clearing in order to gain easier access to the areas that need testing. Next, a geophysicist processes the information and compiles the findings," said Joseph Cudney, project manager for Parsons Inc., prime contractor for the cleanup project. "We then use this information to validate the necessity for funding of this program. Our last phase involves a determination of how to interpret the data and define our goals."

The Unexploded Ordnance teams use both magnetometers and electromagnetometers, which are similar to metal detectors, to



Courtesy photo

**PREPARATIONS—** The Technical Escort team packages an item during a pre-operational exercise at the former Camp Sibert.

locate the position of an anomaly. An anomaly is an area that has been identified as a possible location for buried conventional weapons or chemical warfare materiel.

"In 2002, we identified approximately 532 anomalies. Our aim is to locate and uncover anomalies one at a time," Cudney said.

After the Corps located a 4.2 inch chemical mortar determined

to be filled with phosgene, a gas that causes eye, skin and respiratory irritation, a team from Non-Stockpile set up the Explosive Destruction System, which allowed them to safely destroy the mortar.

"Although several types and calibers of weapons were fired at Camp Sibert, we know that the 4.2 inch mortar was the heavy weapon used in most training," said Sherri Anderson-Hudgins,

project manager for Huntsville Center.

Projects with suspected chemical warfare materiel require more manpower and technology than projects with just suspected conventional warfare.

"It takes special equipment to identify possible weapons and chemicals," said Ken Shott, a Huntsville Center Ordnance and Explosive Recovered Chemical Warfare Materiel safety specialist.

The D2Puff is an example of one key piece of equipment. This computer program monitors weather conditions while the teams are investigating the site.

"We run downwind exclusion zones every 15 minutes to make sure that there are no weather interferences," Cudney said. "If the wind is blowing in the wrong direction, we stop work or erect a vapor containment structure in the appropriate areas."

There are many people from various technical fields working together to make the project a success.

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the success was followed by two weeks of hard combat as the ARVN troops tried to fight their way back to Vietnam.

By April 6, which marked the end of the two-month operation, more than 9,000 South Vietnamese were killed or wounded. The operation accounted for 10 percent of all helicopter losses between 1961 and 1975, with 55 helicopters destroyed, 178 damaged and 35 missing in action. U.S. casualties from the operation number 1,462.

Among the American losses, was Maj. Jack Barker of Waycross, Ga., the company commander of the 101st Bravo Company's Kingsmen, whose death on March 20, 1971, became a personal loss for Evans, who was a pilot captain with the 101st's Charlie Company's Black Widows.

"The beleaguered South Vietnamese base was under attack," Evans recalled of that day. "We had no idea how bad it was when we went out in the morning. We took out as a flight of 27 helicopters with a planned drop off at Khe Sahn (about 20 miles east of Laos and about 50 miles from the demilitarized zone). When we came back to Khe Sahn we had three flyable aircraft. Four or five actually went down in the area of operation, in the pickup zone where we landed to load Soldiers and get them out of the area. It was a bad day."

The morning mission consisted mostly of B-101 Aviation Battalion (Kingsmen) aircraft with three from C-101 Aviation Battalion (Black Widows) and two from A-101 Aviator Battalion (Comancheros).

Although many American Soldiers were wounded, none were killed on that morning mission. Evans' helicopter was one of three that were still flyable, although there were 60 to 70 bullet holes in its metal body, most in the tail-boom.

"We got 14 other birds (from IV Corps) and made plans to go back out. We wanted to try to get the South Vietnamese out who were on the ground in Laos," Evans said. "We went back out with 17 birds ... We knew the mission was not well-planned, that the intelligence was very poor. But, we also believed if we had situational knowledge, it was doable."

One of the UH-1H Huey helicopters was flown by Kingsmen's commander Barker and his crew — co-pilot Capt. John Dugan of Roselle, N.J.; crew chief Sgt. William Dillender of Naples, Fla.; and gunner Pvt. John Chubb of Gardena, Calif.

"It was interesting because I had only met Jack Barker a couple of times," Evans said.

"That day, before we went back out, we talked for three hours. All Jack Barker wanted to do was go home and be a preacher. He had a wife and two sons, one who he hadn't seen yet. My wife had just had a baby. It's amazing how close you can get in that kind of chaos. Jack Barker was an unusual, uncommon man who constitutes what makes a good Soldier."

Before they left on the second mission of the day, Barker told Evans and the rest of the Black Widow Soldiers that they didn't have to volunteer for the mission.

"He said 'I've got to go.' He was a company commander who had lost his unit earlier that day. His whole crew was gone. His aircraft were no longer operational," Evans said.

"Jack Barker believed that everything that happened was his responsibility because he was in charge. Soldiers are like that, especially in combat. Anything that happens around you is your fault, especially when you are in a leadership position."

**B**ut, Evans couldn't let Barker return to the combat zone without his help.

"I said 'I can't let that good man go by himself.' My crew felt the same way," he said.

At the pickup zone in Laos, chaos was everywhere. The South Vietnamese were in a panic. The soldiers swarmed onto the helicopters.

"They threw their weapons down and jumped on the skids," Evans recalled. "I lost four South Vietnamese who fell off the skids."

Evans was right behind Barker's helicopter when he left the pickup zone. He saw Barker's tail get hit, he saw Barker's co-pilot slumped over and not moving, and he saw Barker fighting with the aircraft.

"He stopped the spinning and got it stabilized," Evans said. "He got it under control."

"But, then there was another explosion. I didn't know then that it was the first Soviet-made shoulder-fired surface-to-air missile that got Jack. The tail-boom came off and the helicopter went like a rocket into the sky. I was climbing at 3,500 feet per minute and he was out climbing me. I was coming up almost right under him. His rotor system came off. The engine exploded. There was a ball of fire. He was 300 feet above me when it exploded."

Evans began to fly back down with the

intention of recovering the bodies of Barker and his crew. But, after being constantly fired at during three circles around the crash site, he gave up.

"We knew we couldn't land and we left," he said. "That's when the pain began ... I could see it happen, but I couldn't do anything about it. I left this good man on the ground and I could have, should have done something about it. I've never left anyone like that."

**T**he exact grid coordinates of the crash were lost. After 30 months of service in Vietnam, Evans came back to the states later in 1971. He was highly decorated, receiving several awards, including two Silver Stars, two Distinguished Flying Crosses and a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

"Everybody was a hero. I'm just a guy that was a survivor," said Evans, who doesn't like to talk about the awards he's received from the Army.

"These awards don't tell the measure of a man. My reward is that Barker and his crew have been brought home."

Evans remained on active duty as a flight instructor until 1973, when he was among 175 combat veterans who were laid off. He went to college in St. Louis, worked in building renovation and joined the Reserves as a major. In 1977, he was recalled into active duty as a logistics staff officer in support of Apache and Black Hawk helicopters. In 1979, he became a DoD civilian, working to support Army helicopters.

Evans kept his feelings about the plight of Barker and his crew to himself for years, living with the nightmares that kept coming back. But, he came face-to-face with those nightmares during a phone call from nationally-known journalist and author Earl Swift, who was then writing his book "Where They Lay" about Barker and his crew, and the search for their remains by the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii.

"I read the book and looked at the maps, and I realized they didn't even come close to the crash area," Evans said.

"It took a lot of soul searching before I got up the nerve to redo the coordinates and get the search going."

With the help of Swift, Evans' new coordinates were key in leading to the discovery of the remains of Barker and his crew in November 2004. A formal recovery effort approved by the Laos government resulted in the remains being brought back to the U.S. in late 2005, and the recovery of the remains was announced by the Department of Defense POW/Mission Personnel Office in February. Barker, Dugan and Dillender were buried April 12 at Arlington Cemetery

while Chubb was buried in Inglewood, Calif., on Feb. 18.

"Jack Barker was a great Soldier that had it all and flew into hell and didn't make it back. I flew with him and did," Evans said.

Today, Evans is doing something about what happened to Barker and his crew. "Better, faster, smarter, cheaper" is the motto that he and his staff work by as they design and implement changes to today's military aircraft.

The Logistics Support Facility, which is supported in its efforts by contractor Westwind Technologies, oversees about 200 contract modification options to DoD aircraft totaling about \$100 million a year. The Logistics Support Facility works with five program executive offices and all branches of the military in making modifications to a variety of aircraft, and also works with several government agencies, including the FBI and FAA, and foreign governments in making modifications to the popular Black Hawk helicopters.

"I have a unique opportunity with what I do now," said Evans, who has held his current post since 1999. "We do high technology stuff real fast and real cheap close to home. Advanced electronics, advanced communications, advanced missile systems are all part of what we are working on for all kinds of aircraft, including Black Hawk, Chinook, Apache and fixed wing. We help Soldiers on a real-time basis. We can take an idea and put it in the field in weeks, not months or years."

**T**hose modifications have included a high-speed rescue hoist, ballistic blankets, advanced communication and navigation systems, aircraft survivability equipment, sensor and warning systems, and insulation protection for specialty items.

Evans' work — as well as his family and the discovery of Barker's remains — has helped to calm the survivor's remorse that he often feels when he reflects on the numerous missions he flew in Vietnam, and especially on the Operation Lam Son 719 of 1971.

"It's come full circle for me," he said. "I'm involved with making helicopters safer for Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. The sons and daughters and, in some cases, the grandchildren of the Soldiers from Vietnam are flying today's aircraft that make the mission easier and more survivable because of the modifications we are doing on them. This gives me an opportunity for payback."

*Editor's note: There are still 1,807 Americans unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, 364 of those from Laos, according to the Defense Department.*

# Foreign tanks keep testing on track

*Targets Management Office serves all military services*

By **ANDY ROAKE**  
*For the Rocket*

Russian battle tanks are on Redstone, but they're not part of an invasion or a movie set.

The tanks are part of a fleet of 25 foreign military vehicles at Test Area 3, where the Targets Management Office maintains and operates them for testing U.S. weapons systems against threat equipment U.S. forces would likely encounter on the battlefield.

Test Area 3 is one of five TMO primary operating centers located on test ranges

across the country. The other ranges are at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; White Sands Missile Range, N.M.; and Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz.

The mobile ground targets program as it exists today started after the first Gulf War, when the U.S. brought back captured Soviet-made equipment.

The TMO has Russian T-72 tanks, a Ukraine-made T-80UD tank, missile launcher transport vehicles, armored personnel carriers, and towed vehicles.

And what they don't have, they can create.

"We can build surrogates," said James Story, logistics analyst for COLSA Corp., a contractor for the TMO. "For example, the Russian BMP-3 (a tracked infantry combat vehicle) is not being sold, but many countries have it in their inventories; so we need it for testing. We use an older U.S. M-60 battle tank chassis and modify it to look like a BMP-3."

Surrogate vehicles can also be created completely out of plastic.

"Customer needs drive the creativity," Margarett Martin, project director of mobile ground target operations, said. A test of an airborne infrared sensor system may only require a full-scale plastic T-72 tank filled with water and antifreeze to give off the heat soaked up from the sun.

"Here at Redstone, we do visual and acoustical testing and ground-to-ground live fire against mobile and stationary ground targets," Story said. "And testing requirements for us are really increasing."

Story explained that the TMO normally provides about 30 to 40 "loans" of vehicles per year for testing at the range to



Photo by Andy Roake

**NEWEST TANK**— Margarett Martin, project director of mobile ground target operations for TMO, and Joe McElroy, primary operating center manager, discuss a Ukrainian-built T-80UD tank at Test Area 3.

all services, not just the Army. Last year the TMO provided 31 vehicle loans, but 33 loans have occurred so far this year.

"A lot of it is due to UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) and putting new things on them, like weapons, infrared and visual systems," Story said.

"New also is the support being provided for tests for the Army's Future Combat Systems," Martin said. "We have three tests coming up that support FCS."

This presents a challenge for the three mechanics who maintain the vehicles.

"The engineering on the (foreign) equipment is not as good as U.S. equipment," said Rick Reed, heavy vehicle mechanic for ERC Inc., a contractor for

the TMO. "They are not designed for efficient maintenance. It'll take me hours longer to change out a part than on a comparable U.S.-made vehicle."

The mechanics are unique in that they must operate the vehicles on the range in addition to maintaining them. Customers sometimes need a moving target.

Reed and several others recently traveled to Ukraine to train in not only maintaining the T-80 tank, but in operating the tank also.

"When I was in the Army as a mechanic, we didn't get to drive the vehicles," he said. "Here we do it all."

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Photo by Andy Roake

**MOTOR MAN**— Rick Reed, heavy vehicle mechanic with ERC Inc., works on the V-12 engine of a Russian-made T-72 tank at Test Area 3.

# Test facility repaired for return to field

*Research development center has lead role on reset team*

By **MERV BROKKE**  
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Given the mission to extend the life and increase the mission readiness of the Army's Apache Electronic Equipment Test Facility, the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center has completed Reset of the first of 14 Apache EETFs at Redstone Arsenal.

"This ceremony commemorates the first Apache EETF coming out of the Reset Program and it is being shipped to Fort Campbell, Ky., on 22 June 2006," said Bernard Goodly, engineering support division chief, Engineering Directorate, AMRDEC.

For more than 20 years, the Apache EETF has served the Army and its war fighters well as the only deployable automated test and repair facility for Apache. Having been subjected to harsh environments and multiple deployments around



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**RESET RIBBON**— Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, AMCOM commander, and Bernard Goodly, Engineering Support Division Chief, Engineering Directorate, cut the ribbon June 21 announcing completion of the first of 14 Apache Electronic Equipment Test Facilities to be reset at Redstone Arsenal.

the world, the Apache EETF is a prime candidate for Reset.

"Recently, an AMCOM team compris-

ing members from the Command Group, IMMC and AMRDEC traveled to the theater to assess equipment issues and the status of test equipment used by aviation maintenance units. We discovered that our legacy Electronic Equipment Test Facility was old and using antiquated technology," said Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, in the April-June edition of Army AL&T Magazine.

Members of the Apache EETF Reset Team contributing to the completion of the first Apache EETF Reset on schedule and within cost are the Integrated Materiel Management Center, Apache Project Office, the Communications and Electronics Command, AMCOM G3 Reuse Office, Army G4, Defense Logistics Agency, Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Agency, Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, the Mississippi National Guard, and the AMRDEC's Engineering Directorate, Engineering Support Division, which serves as the Reset Team lead.

"The success of this program has been

made possible due to the hard work and dedication of this integrated team," Goodly said.

The Apache EETF Reset Team's teamwork and efforts to develop and refine the Reset process, procure, repair and fabricate parts, and allocate the necessary funding has resulted in the successful establishment of the first Reset effort for the Apache EETF. The team has demonstrated the ability to restore the Apache EETF's deployability, improve its operational environment, extend its lifecycle, and return a fully mission capable system to the war fighter.

"The Apache EETF encompasses test equipment and Test Program Sets that are used to diagnose and repair Line Replaceable Units for the Apache helicopter platform," Goodly said.

As Reset was being completed on the first Apache EETF, the team has begun work on three additional Apache EETFs. The ongoing process continues as the team works to provide the war fighter on the ground and in the air the best equipment and support possible.

# Challenges met for test and evaluation community

Forum draws 500 attendees

By SHERRY HILLEY  
For the Rocket

Test Week 2006, "Meeting Tomorrow's Testing Challenges with Sweeping Changes and New Missions," was held June 6-8 at the Von Braun Center. This annual event is sponsored by Test Resource Management Center, Office of Secretary of Defense, with Dr. John Foulkes serving as the chairman, and hosted by the Test and Evaluation Management Office, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

This event served as a forum for tri-services to come together and listen to informative panels and speakers on ways for the test and evaluation community to better serve the war fighter, both abroad and at home.

With an audience of more than 500 attendees and 300 exhibitors, the conference kicked off with U.S. Rep. Lincoln Davis, D-Tenn., offering the legislative flavor and the political support to the test and evaluation community. Congressional perspectives were discussed by Thomas Stapleton and Kraig Siracuse, both professional staff members serving on Capitol Hill.

Featured guest speakers — such as Ken Krieg, under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, and retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, vice president of Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. — provided their insight to the audience, and their views of the upcoming changes and new missions to support the troops.

The industry perspectives were led by John Krings, president of Krings Corporation, Clinton Kelly of SAIC and Tony Guarino of Lockheed-Martin. Each presented briefings on the industry's challenges regarding their support

of the troops.

This year, the international test and evaluation capabilities were discussed by Michael Crisp, deputy director for air warfare, DOT&E, and his panelists from France, Australia and Canada.

The Major Range and Test Facility Base panel presented opportunities for reinvention/restructuring of the major ranges and was led by Air Force Maj. Gen. Curtis Bedke, commander of AFFTC. His panelists from TRMC, USAF and ATEC headquarters discussed the challenges facing the major ranges to support the troops and to continue to be viable assets for the future requirements.

The war fighter panel led by Rear Adm. William McCarthy, commander of Operational T&E Force, had his panelists from JFCOM, AFOTEC and Army discuss their vision relative to the joint infrastructure enterprise concepts.

The conference closed with the customer panel led by Air Force Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Riemer, program executive officer for weapons and commander of AAC. His panel represented program managers from Air Force, Missile Defense Agency, industry, Navy and Army and challenged the test and evaluation community with their assessments of the service provided by the T&E organizations.

And last but certainly not least, the exhibition was deemed a big success this year. There were 77 organizations (industry, academia and government) displaying their capabilities and hardware representing all the services and NASA. This was the largest multi-service representation to date.

Test Week 2007 has already been announced for June 11-15, 2007 in Huntsville with a theme centered around "How to Make Test and Evaluation Relevant to the Joint Warfighter." Test Week web site will stay activated. You may provide your e-mail to the web site and updates will be automatically sent to you at [www.testweek.org](http://www.testweek.org).



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**NETWORKING—** Robert Alton, center, of ATEC headquarters discusses his agency's display during Test Week 2006.

# Huntsville Center contractor dies in Iraq

An Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville contractor employee killed in Iraq June 19 has been identified.

Edward Cunahan, 41, from North Pole, Alaska, was killed in a work-related accident. An Army investigation is being conducted to determine the cause of the accident.

Cunahan worked as an ammunition handler and was employed by Tetra Tech Foster Wheeler, Inc., which is headquartered in Morris Plains, N.J.

This brings the number of contractor casualties killed under the Coalition Munitions Clearance program since September 2003 to 26. Since the beginning of the program, there have been two deaths attributed to a work-related accident.

"Our condolences go out to Edward's family," said Bill Sargent, program manager, Coalition Munitions Clearance Program.

"Our personnel are highly trained and experienced and are doing a superb job, but it remains a very dangerous mission. We have logged over 18 million man-hours doing ordnance and explosives remediation in Iraq. Worker safety remains our top priority."

Huntsville Center is the Army Corps of Engineers' Center of Expertise for Military Munitions. Huntsville Center's Coalition Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving, transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq. Storage and disposal of the ammunition is performed at several locations throughout Iraq. To date, more than 450,000 tons of ammunition has been destroyed by the Huntsville Center program, significantly reducing risks to Iraqi citizens and U.S. personnel serving in Iraq. (Huntsville Center release)

# Corps of Engineers keeps work in-house

Following an 18-month competition of its Information Management/Information Technology functions, the initial performance decision of the Army Corps of Engineers is to retain the work in-house for performance by the Most Efficient Organization.

The government's Most Efficient Organization was selected based on lowest cost technically acceptable. As part of the competition process and before implementing the results of the competition, the unsuccessful offerers are afforded an opportunity to protest the decision in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

The competition began in June 2004, and involved work performed by more than 1,300 employees and more than 500 contractors at Corps locations throughout the United States. The IM/IT competition was conducted in response to the President's Management Agenda, which requires all federal agencies to streamline and become more effective.

The IM/IT services included in the competition are: (1) automation services and systems support, (2) communications services and systems support, (3) information assurance service and support, (4) record

management services and support, (5) printing and publication services, (6) visual information services, and (7) IM/IT Administration and Management.

Public-private competitions are conducted under the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76. The process included a public comment period on the Performance Work Statement that describes the government's requirements. The process also included three industry forums where potential service providers were provided additional information and given an opportunity to offer comments on the competition.

Under the OMB circular, the federal employees performing the work compete against the private sector and other public reimbursable service providers for the requirements described in the Performance Work Statement.

In addition to the IM/IT competition, the Corps is currently conducting two other competitions for its Finance Center data entry activity in Millington, Tenn., and the Directorate of Public Works functions at two research facilities. (Huntsville Center release)

## World War II-era site subject of cleanup effort

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"We have about 30 people working the sites, four days a week, 10 hours a day," Shott said. "There are three UXO technicians who actually go out and investigate the field sites for chemical warfare materiel and ammunition."

Huntsville Center and Mobile District are working closely together to make sure that the public is kept informed.

"We still have three more years to go; so it is important that we keep the public informed every step of the way," Karl Blankenship, Mobile District project manager, said.

"In the past, landowners would find hazardous waste and munitions. They were not told how to properly discard the items," Anderson-Hudgins said.

Anderson-Hudgins has already participated in several public involvement meetings concerning the project and the Corps'

involvement at Camp Sibert.

"It is my job to make sure that all the processes are followed and our operation runs as smoothly as possible," she said. "There are always challenges on any project."

Gaining the right to enter certain parts of Camp Sibert remains a challenge. The Corps must receive a right of entry from the property owner in order to begin any work. "There are currently 300-500 different owners whose property is part of the former Camp Sibert," Cudney said.

Although many landowners in the area have readily cooperated with the Corps, some have refused.

"We generally have a good working relationship with the landowners," Dave Becker, Huntsville Center Ordnance and Explosive RCWM safety specialist, said. "We hope that by building trust with these landowners, others will begin to eventually see what we are doing is helping their community. We can get the job done with everybody involved working together as a team."

# 41<sup>st</sup> birthday for 'the answer people'

## Army Community Service celebrates four decades

Reflecting on Army Community Service's 41 years of service to the military, ACS director Sue Paddock said, "The only constant in life is change."

From 1965, when the Army chief of staff directed that ACS be established, it consisted of a lending closet and Army Emergency Relief assistance. ACS has evolved into a full spectrum of prevention and education programs for the military.

"Every day at ACS is a challenge," Paddock said. "We never know what to expect, but the staff is always there to support the Redstone community. They are all truly dedicated, and go the extra mile."

Throughout the years, the Redstone Arsenal ACS has become a role model for others to follow, according to Paddock. It was the first ACS in the Army to pass accreditation in 2000, and the first to be re-accredited in 2003. The next re-accreditation visit is scheduled for October. Redstone ACS was also recognized by the Army by receiving the ACS Installation of Excellence Award in 2000.

In the future, ACS will be supporting the Base Realignment and Closure efforts.

"Whenever Redstone Arsenal is involved in relocating and bringing in additional people, ACS is always there to support," Paddock said.

Army Community Service was actively involved in BRAC 1995 when the government civilian employees, military and their families moved to Redstone Arsenal from St. Louis. The ACS staff provided welcome packets and community employment assistance to families, addressed family special need concerns, and fielded general inquiries about Redstone and the surrounding area.

"We are here to provide serv-



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**ACS STAFF—** From left, in back row, are Debra Jefferson, Larry Leggett, Elaine Jiles, Kristi Foster, Natalie Taylor, Bettie Ferguson, Mary Breeden, Heather McCaulley, Kathleen Riester and Phyllis Cox, ACS volunteer manager. In front row are Sara Ballard, Army Family Team Building volunteer coordinator; Sue Paddock, ACS director; Ann Owens, ACS volunteer; and Esther McDaniel.

ices and information from the time that our clients arrive at Redstone to the time that they depart," Paddock said.

In addition to the daily mission requirements of ACS, special events and programs keep the staff busy throughout the year. This year's calendar has included conducting a two-day Army Family Action Plan Planning Conference, planning and coordinating the Installation Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and Award Ceremony and the annual ACS Volunteer Recognition event.

ACS also sponsored the Space Camp Scholarship program, ensuring that 16 military children attended Space Camp. Army Family Team Building training taught new military spouses the basics about the military lifestyle. Through the Spe-

cial Olympic Bowling event and Special Olympic Track and Field, the Childwise Play Mornings Program, Newcomer Orientations, and the Family and Community Team Sessions, ACS linked military families with the Huntsville area.

Army Community Service also assisted military and civilians by hosting two local Job Fairs and financial classes for teens and adults.

Community deployment support featured an Operation Hello Honey event where families videotaped greetings for deployed military; Waiting Spouse e-mail newsletter, and Family Readiness Group training for National Guard, Reservists and Marines.

Special events to reach the families of deployed servicemembers have included support-

ing the Operation Christmas Bear Program, and Blue Star Banner presentations.

"We are the answer people. If you have a question about military living, call us. If we don't know the answer, we usually know the right people to ask," Paddock said.

Core programs are designed to alleviate clients' basic concerns such as financial counseling, Army Emergency Relief assistance which provides no-interest loans or grants for emergencies, relocating assistance including home buying/selling information, family special need referrals, family member employment assistance including coaching on interviewing and resume writing, parenting and stress concerns, and other daily life issues.

"The ACS staff is well-trained

by attending mandatory training and certification in the specialized areas, and work as a team to service the daily customers," Paddock said.

"This year, the annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign raised over \$170,000, the largest amount raised in the history of Redstone Arsenal," Paddock said.

A new program this year is the Victim Advocate Program with 24/7 reporting for victims of domestic abuse and sexual abuse. Funding from Department of Army provided this pilot program at Redstone Arsenal.

Total Tots, a unique program at Redstone Arsenal, celebrates 20 years of emergency child care for military families.

The ACS team would not be complete without volunteers, who have traditionally served as the backbone of this agency. They work with all ACS programs to help meet mission requirements.

This year, ACS had more than 50 volunteers. One volunteer, Sharon Samuelson, was recognized as an Emma Baird Volunteer Award winner, one of the highest volunteer achievements in the Army. The Emma Baird Volunteer Award recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond in their volunteer career at ACS.

"Our volunteers are wonderful, ranging from a 19-year-old military spouse to retired military and spouses," Paddock said. "Everyone works as a team."

To mark its 41 years and as part of Armed Forces Week, the ACS Birthday/Open House is scheduled July 10 from 1:30-3 p.m. at building 3338 on Redeye Road following the Redstone Arsenal Soldier/NCO of the Year luncheon.

Photos of ACS events and programs will be on display and refreshments will be served. The entire Redstone community is invited. (*Army Community Service release*)

# Resource managers develop winning reputation

## Group's local chapter earns recognition

The Redstone/Huntsville American Society of Military Comptrollers was recognized at the recent National Professional Development Institute in San Diego as one of the best chapters in the nation.

Overall chapter awards were Five Star Chapter Recognition, the Neil R. Ginnetti Professional Development Award, the Community Service Award, and the Best Chapter Newsletter Award. Individual honors went to Bill Matthews for Resource Management and Debbie O'Neal for Chapter Leader of the Year. Cody Swinford was awarded the Members' Continuing Education scholarship and Ashley Ramey received the High School Scholarship.

The Huntsville/Redstone Chap-

ter is an active professional organization with more than 500 members. It provides opportunities for professional development to its members with monthly speakers as well as a local seminar each year. Members are also active in community projects and logged 667 hours of community service last year. For membership information, call Alex Hice at 876-8240.

The next general meeting/luncheon is scheduled July 13 at Trinity Personal Growth Center. Robert Hale, ASMC national executive director, is to speak on the "Outlook for Defense Financial Manager." Call Lisa Lowry at 876-7086 if you would like to attend.

ASMC officers for 2006-07 include president Bill Matthews, first vice president Bob Nichols, second vice president Becky Lake, third vice president Arnatta Poole, corresponding secretary



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**TOP LEADER— Debbie O'Neal of the Redstone/Huntsville American Society of Military Comptrollers receives the National Chapter Leader of the Year Award.**

Debbie O'Neal, recording secretary Lisa Lowry and treasurer George Cash. (ASMC release)

■ Office tests U.S. weapons against foreign vehicles

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Martin pointed out that the TMO is planning new assets to upgrade the inventory. "We're planning now for our customers' needs in 2014 and how to get those assets here," she said.

Story added, "We look at who has what; and we listen to what customers are telling us and what equipment they're requesting."

The newest ground vehicle at Test Area 3 is a T-80UD tank, purchased new in 2002 from Ukraine for \$3.3 million. To purchase a foreign vehicle, TMO normally contracts with a vendor to find the vehicle and provide a warranty.

The customer, in essence, rents the vehicle and manpower services for a test; but if a live warhead is used that will

destroy the vehicle, the customer must replace the vehicle.

"Often we must provide the real thing for a congressionally-mandated test to validate a weapon system for congressional funding. It assures Congress that the weapon development is on the right track," Martin said.

While most of TMO's tanks are maintained in firing condition and could shoot back if loaded, they're not used for that purpose.

"We only use them for testing and training," Martin said. "We have to obtain an End User Certificate for each piece of equipment we purchase. We are assuring the country we purchased the equipment from that we (the U. S. government) are the end user and the equipment will be used for test and evaluation. That way they are confident it won't be used against them."

# Golf course above par for fun

*The Links at Redstone  
'country club' experience*

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Chase Fiddler is a regular at The Links at Redstone.

At least, that is, he's a regular during the summer months.

The 6-year-old golfer takes his game seriously, just like the adult golfers who make the golf course a regular part of their weekly activities.

"Since I was 5 years old I've been playing with my dad," Chase said. "I've been playing since he got me my own putter and my own set of golf clubs."

Golfing is often a family affair for the Fiddler family of Madison.

"We all came out on Mother's Day and played golf," said Chase's father, retired 1st Sgt. Craig Fiddler. "It's great to have the whole family out here on the golf course. It keeps us all active, especially the kids."

While Chase is just starting his golfing hobby, others on the MWR golf course have spent a great deal of time getting better at a hobby they enjoy for many reasons — exercise, the challenge of the course, a pleasant outdoorsy atmosphere, socializing with other golfers and just plain enjoyment of the game.

"I've been golfing out here for 27 years," said Karen Bizer, who recently spent a day on the course with her husband, retired Col. Jim Bizer and friend Harry Barker.

"This is a pretty good golf course. We've done a lot of traveling, and have stayed in a lot of military housing and golfed a lot of military golf courses and private golf courses. This is a good one that is really shaping up."

There have been a lot of improvements in the past year at The Links at Redstone — among those are new golf holes, a renovated golf shop and the new Weeden Mountain Grill. But the most obvious change has been the golf course's new name.

"We have 27 holes and we are in the process of building another three holes," said Jon Samuelson, the PGA golf professional at the Links.

"We are more than just a golf course. The term 'links' references a course with more than 18 holes. Our whole focus right now is to offer a country club atmosphere at military golf course prices. Our goal is to be the best. We can't say we are the best right now, but that's the road that we're on. We are ever expanding, always growing and always trying to improve."

The Links at Redstone is one of the flagship offerings of Redstone Arsenal's Morale Welfare and Recreation. It is open to all active duty, National Guard and Reserve; Redstone/NASA civilians and contractor employees; military, civilian and contractor retirees; and their families. MWR is involved in an ongoing campaign to publicize such offerings as the golf



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**PUTTING AS A FAMILY**— Golf is a family affair for 6-year-old Chase Fiddler and his mom, Betsy. Chase often hits the links with his dad, retired 1st Sgt. Craig Fiddler. But, on special occasions, the whole family golfs together. Chase has two sisters — 9-year-old Sydney and 15-year-old Chelsea.

course.

"We have three sources of golfers — active duty, retired and contractors," Samuelson said. "We have a pretty solid mix of golfers."

The Links "country club" atmosphere begins with its clubhouse, which houses a well-stocked golf shop and the Weeden Mountain Grill.

The golf shop is now offering custom



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**GOLFING WITH STYLE**— Avid golfer Karen Bizer, wife of retired Col. Jim Bizer, gets a lot of help with identifying her golf clubs and her golf balls. "Tiger" helps to make sure Bizer's 5-wood isn't misplaced while her colored balls keep her from hitting others' golf balls by mistake.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**CHECKING HIS SHOT**— 1st Sgt. Chris Young eyes the route his ball will take before putting it in the hole. He spent a recent day at The Links with golfers he had just met — retired civilian Jack Jones, and retired Air Force member and civil servant John McGowen.

club fitting using the Ping and Titleist fitting systems. By July 1, the shop will also offer the Launch Monitor, which fits drivers to the exact specifications of the player.

"To be competitive in the golf business, there is not much more we can do with the golf ball or the golfer's technique. We've really done everything we can in those areas," Samuelson said.

"But, we can improve the game through custom fitting of golf clubs with the correct shaft, weight and lift for the player. It used to be everyone bought off the rack. But, the different lifts, weights and flexes are all very important to a golfer's game."

Custom fitting doesn't necessarily mean buying new golf clubs, Samuelson said.

## Fees for linking up on course

Here is a listing of some of the fees charged to golf at The Links at Redstone:

- Daily fees:

- Guests — 18 holes: \$20 weekdays, \$22 weekends; nine holes: \$12.50 weekdays, \$14 weekends.

- Active duty E1-E4 — 18 holes: \$7 weekdays, \$8 weekends; nine holes: \$5 weekdays, \$5.50 weekends.

- Active duty E5-E6 — 18 holes: \$11.50 weekdays, \$12.50 weekends; nine holes: \$7.25 weekdays, \$7.75 weekends.

- Active duty E7 and others — 18 holes: \$17 weekdays, \$18 weekends; nine holes: \$10 weekdays, \$10.50 weekends.

- Platinum Membership (no user fee) — \$799 annually.

- Basic Membership (\$1.50 per nine user fee) — E1-E4, \$229 annually; E5-E6, \$384 annually; E7 and others, \$599 annually.

- Golf Round Cards (no user fee) — 25 Rounds, \$350 annually; 50 Rounds, \$600 annually.

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“We can custom fit the golf clubs you have to you,” he said.

The Weeden Mountain Grill debuted recently as a golfer’s restaurant. The humorous sign hanging over its main entrance reads: “Golfers Welcome. Others by Appointment.”

“The grill has been formatted as a 19th-hole type facility with food and drinks, and a full menu and catering possibilities,” Samuelson said.

“It’s a full-service grill that offers anything from sandwiches up to a full roast beef dinner, prime rib and steak.”

That “country club” atmosphere continues outside on The Links’ putting greens, chipping green and three practice holes, which have elevated the opportunity to offer beginner’s courses and clinics for members.

“The three practice holes allow us to hold clinics and Junior programs, and give people another way to warm up before playing,” Samuelson said.

There is a full practice facility that offers golf lessons with video and computer analysis. Private golf lessons are offered by Samuelson beginning at 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. They are \$40 per lesson, with a series of five offered for the price of four. Juniors pay

half-price.

Every other Saturday, through September, Samuelson is offering a Junior Golf Program from 2 to 3 p.m. for children ages 7 to 17. The charge is only \$5 per Saturday clinic, a fee that is offset by an annual sponsorship by the Retired Military Classics Golf Tournament. The bi-weekly clinics will culminate with a Junior Club Championship on Sept. 16.

“We teach the fundamentals, including rules, etiquette, the history of the game, everything, and we teach them putting, chipping, pitching, the full iron swing and the full wood swing. We talk about grip and stance, and their technique,” Samuelson said.

“But, it’s more than just the sport of golf. Any experienced golfer will tell you there are a lot of life lessons in golf. The kids learn about patience, perseverance. There’s no better place to keep kids out of trouble than on the golf course.”

While the extras are great for golfers, the centerpiece of The Links are the three well-maintained and challenging nine-hole courses – Hillside, Whispering Pines and Meadowview. Each is distinctly different, providing a variety of experiences for golfers.

“They all have their own personalities,” Samuelson said. “One is of the very traditional style with small greens, lots of

trees and the placement of shots required. Another has a style with more elevation changes and is more open and hilly, and offers larger size greens. And, the other one is the newest nine and is more of a Links style. It’s flatter, more open and has a lot few elevation changes.”

On any given day at the golf course, two nine-hole courses are put in the regular 18-hole rotation while the third nine holes is open for rounds of nine-hole golf.

“We do this so the golf course can be maintained and kept up to the quality our golfers expect,” Samuelson said. “Maintenance works around golfers on the nine-hole course that is not in the 18-hole rotation on that particular day.”

A 13-member maintenance crew keeps the golf course in tip-top shape, beginning their work at about 4 each morning. There are many scenic views on the course, including a tree-top view of Cummings Research Park, ponds and flowers scattered at resting areas throughout the course and a dazzling sight of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center’s Saturn 5 rocket.

More than 400 members enjoy the greens at The Links at Redstone. But there are many more less-frequent players who play without a membership, instead opting to pay the daily fees. The Links offers several tournaments throughout the year, including monthly MWR tournaments, the annual AUSA (Association of the U.S. Army) and the

MARC (Association of Retarded Children) tournaments.

Popular with golfers are the Scramble and Shamble tournaments, which are often sponsored by Bill Heard Chevrolet.

In a Scramble, each player tees off on each hole. The best of the tee shots is selected and all players play their second shots from that spot. The best of the second shots is determined, then all play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed.

A shamble is a type of golf tournament that combines elements of a Scramble with elements of stroke play. Like in a Scramble, all members of a team (usually four) tee off and the best ball of the four tee shots is selected. All players move their balls to the spot of the best ball. From this point, the hole is played out at stroke play, with all members of the team playing their own ball into the hole.

Golfers like Karen and Jim Bizer enjoy the entire golfing experience at The Links. They play for the fun and exercise, and to beat their best scores.

“I would like to break 100,” Karen Bizer said. “I come in with a lot of even 100s.”

“I just try to stay in the 80s,” Jim Bizer said.

The Links is a convenient, inexpensive way for golfers to enjoy their sport on a well-maintained course, said golfer Jack Jones, who’s retired from civil service.

“I only get out here about once a week because I do a lot of charity work that keeps me quite busy,” he said. “But, because I am so busy, I appreciate the convenience this course offers. I can often get on the course without worrying about it being too crowded.”

1st Sgt. Chris Young plans on stepping up his golf game at The Links when he retires from the Nashville Recruiting Battalion in about three months. But, even with his frequent commutes to Nashville he manages to get some golf in each week.

“I meet some good people out here,” he said, nodding to Jones and his associate retired Air Force member and civil servant John McGowen. “I just met these two gentlemen today.”

Nearby, a threesome of “golfers extraordinaire” – retired NASA civilians John Bailey, Bill Mann and Bob Fisher — did their best to live up to the nickname each gave each other. And, they weren’t doing too badly, though they laughed and joked with each other through their game.

“We play ‘ready golf,’” Mann said. “Who’s ready first tees off first. Most people play by who has the best score. But, we play

by who’s ready.” Also on the golf course was a foursome from the “Dirty Dozen,” a bunch of golfing buddies who play at The Links every Tuesday and Thursday. The retirees included former NASA civilian Chuck Bershoore, retired Maj. Frank Thonus and Chief Warrant Officer Ronnie Rogers, and retired Marine Maj. Ken Holder.

“I’m their token Marine,” Holder joked. “You have to have one of them with this group.”

Samuelson and the staff of about 30 employees enjoy the camaraderie they share with The Links’ golfers both on and off the course.

“Most people don’t get to do what they love for a living,” Samuelson said. “We all enjoy working out here and getting to know the golfers who like to play The Links.”

Samuelson has been a life-long golfer. He started as a range boy when he was young. As a senior in high school, he gave up all other sports to concentrate on golf. He golfed through college, and then turned pro and started teaching. He played in tournaments all around the world, including Asian tours and Canadian tours.

Samuelson is at the golf course Wednesday through Sunday. On Mondays and Tuesdays, he plays in golf tournaments throughout North Alabama.

“Golf is a sport for a lifetime,” he said. “People from the ages of 5 to 85 can play this game, and they can play it together. A lot of my friends in high school teased me for giving up all the other sports for golf. But, now I am teaching them how to golf.”

The Links offers several golfing leagues for its members, including a ladies league, a men’s league and a working women’s league. In addition, several local military contractors offer their own company leagues at The Links.

During the summer, The Links offers a Twilight Golf special. Members pay \$10 and nonmembers pay \$20 after noon any day of the week to play as much golf as they can before the sun goes down. The Twilight Golf price includes a golf cart.

Tee times at The Links at Redstone are 7:30 a.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. on weekends and holidays. The pro shop is open from 7 a.m. to dusk on weekdays and 6 a.m. to dusk on weekends. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

For more information on The Links at Redstone, check out the MWR web site at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com) or call 883-7977.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**PLANNING THEIR NEXT SHOT**— Retired Maj. Frank Thonus, behind the wheel, and retired NASA civilian Chuck Berschoore talk over the tee shots and their strategy before continuing on the course. They are members of the Dirty Dozen, which golfs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On a recent Thursday, they were golfing with retired Marine Maj. Ken Holder and retired Chief Warrant Officer Ronnie Rogers.

# Scout's honor: Young interpreter cited for courage

## Allen King awarded Medal of Merit

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Be prepared. That is the Boy Scout's motto and one local Scout was a little more than prepared when the unthinkable happened.

Allen King spent most of his life in Germany. Rick King, currently the assistant product manager for sensors in the Apache Project Office, took a job in Germany when Allen was only 2. From early on, Allen's parents wanted him to truly experience life in Germany.

"When we put him in kindergarten (what the Americans refer to as preschool) he was assigned an English speaking teacher," Molly King, Allen's mother, said. "We told them no, we wanted him to learn German."

Molly said it wasn't long before she noticed a change in Allen's accent when he spoke German. He became fluent in the language only speaking English when he was at home with his parents.

"The parents at his school didn't even realize he was American," Rick said.

Though the Kings felt it was only a natural step to have Allen learn German, it was a few years later that his skills paid off. In July 2005, Molly's 79-year-old grandmother, Gladys Wells, and a friend visited the Kings in Germany.

On a sightseeing trip in Heidelberg, Wells slipped and fell, hurting her nose and knocking her unconscious. As Molly tried to help her grandmother, Allen, who was 8 at the time, moved his



**SMALL BOY, BIG AWARD**— Allen King, 9, holds his Medal of Merit Award which he received for his acts in Germany. Rick King, of the Apache Project Office, kneels next to his son.

Photo by Kim Henry

1-year-old brother, Alex, to safety and went to find ice for swelling.

Molly said the incident was such a blur that after a few minutes she realized Alex had been moved close to her so she naturally thanked her grandmother's friend for helping her out. She said that she didn't do it and that

it must have been Allen who moved Alex across the street, Molly said.

As the ambulance arrived, it became apparent that none of the emergency workers knew English. "A lot of people speak English, but they couldn't speak it," Molly said. "Allen translated between the ambulance drivers

and me regarding the directions to the hospital."

Before they took off to the hospital, Allen pointed out one very important point, "A Cub Scout leaves no trace." Then Allen started cleaning up the tissues and other trash where the group had been located.

Once they arrived at the hos-

pital, Molly said Allen's language skills came into play again. "Everyone there didn't speak English, not even the nurses," she said. When Molly explained to one doctor that her son would be translating he indicated that Allen was too young. "Once Allen started talking to the doctor in German he broke into a smile," she said. "He couldn't believe an American child spoke German."

In total, Allen spent more than nine hours translating between German medical personnel and his mother. Of the event, Allen says he used several Cub Scout skills, "Leave no trace, when I cleaned up the bloody tissues; searching for ice to keep her from swelling and using my interpreter strip to translate," Allen said.

In January, the family moved to Madison and Allen joined Cub Scout Pack 351. For his efforts, Allen was awarded the prestigious Medal of Merit Award for using his Scouting skills to assist in a rescue. He was presented the award at the Madison County Boy Scouts annual Eagle Leadership Luncheon on May 4.

He keeps up his German skills by talking to a local friend who is German, writing letters and e-mails to his teacher and friends back in Germany and even watching cartoons the Kings videotaped when they were in Germany. Though he doesn't like to be put on the spot to start talking German, he doesn't think twice when he is put to the test.

"He never argued about translating; he didn't hesitate," Molly said of her son's translation during the emergency. "He just did what he was supposed to do."

# Hosts thanked for international hospitality

The International Military Student Office has recognized civilians from the local community who sponsor international students while they are training in the Huntsville area.

The sponsors were honored during the office's second annual Sponsor Appreciation Dinner held June 16 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"One of the primary reasons for bringing international students to the US for training is for the students to learn about life in America," a prepared release said. "The sponsorship program is a key ingredient in this process."

Each sponsor was personally recognized for his or her contributions to the student sponsorship program. A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented to Frances Gates-Moore, president of the International Services Council of Huntsville/Madison County Inc. The International Services Council is the pri-

mary provider of sponsors for the students and hosts several events each year in support of the international students.

The event's 51 attendees included leaders from the 59th Ordnance Brigade and 832nd Ordnance Battalion, civilian sponsors and eight international military students. The students were from Korea, Bulgaria, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

"This social event was very worthwhile as we were able to recognize our many great sponsors who contribute their time and efforts in support of our international students," the release said. "The event also helped teach the sponsors and military leadership more about the Security Assistance Training Program.

The event also gave those students who do not have sponsors an opportunity to meet our sponsors and now each student here for training has at least one host sponsor."



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**SPONSORS APPRECIATED**— Two international students from Egypt spend time with their host sponsors at the Sponsor Appreciation Dinner. From left are Judy Lambert, Capt. Faisal Selim, David Lambert and 1st Lt. Ayman Hamada.

# Total Tots: Totally free, totally about kids

*Emergency child care program celebrates 20 years of service*

By JULIE FREDERICK  
For the Rocket

Total Tots is a free emergency child care program for the local military community. That's right, no repayment is expected for services rendered; and June marks the program's 20th anniversary.

In military families, the need for emergency child care can leave parents frantically searching for someone to help when family is too far away to be an option. Total Tots board chairman, Pam Stieglitz said the program is ready to step in and fill that role for military families.

"This program was formed to provide short-term emergency child care quickly and efficiently without the hassle of having to go through paperwork when you don't have time to," she said. "It was totally designed with the safety and welfare of the child in mind, first and foremost. The goal of the program is to provide care first, ask questions later."

The program has served military families for 20 years as a readily available option. A family's immediate need for child care puts Total Tots into action.

It works through an agreement with the Child Development Services and Youth Services to find a spot for families in need of child care quickly. As long as parents can go fill out minimal registration papers, they will make a spot for a Total Tots emergency. There is also the option of in-home child care providers.

"We want to be able to give the parents peace of mind that we have placed their child in an approved and regulated environment," program coordinator Virginia Dempsey, of Army Community Service, said.

Total Tots is available to the entire local military community including active duty, Reserve and National Guard families. The only payment requested is that the families who have benefited from the

service either pass on a good deed or let the program know of other families it could help.

"This program has definitely been embraced by the people that we help," Dempsey said. "Most of our referrals come from word of mouth, and that's actually the way we want it to be."

Part of its uniqueness is that it was started by a small group of people who saw an unfulfilled need.

"It is so nice to know that we can do something so small that could mean so much to a family in need," Dempsey said.

It has managed to keep its original purpose from 20 years ago, according to Stieglitz.

"Virginia and I have been with the program off and on since it began," she said, "and to come back from being deployed overseas and see that the program is still working just the way that it was intended is truly amazing."

Each year is different. Some years there might be many requests to fill, others might be slower, but Total Tots' goal is to always find a way to meet requests for help.

"We have found that families want to tell their stories," Dempsey said. "They want to find a way to work through their tough situations and come out on the other side."

The Total Tots organizers are proud that, to their knowledge, the program has never been abused. If a family they are working with finds another option — for example, a family member who can fly in from out-of-state — those families have always been good about letting the program know they no longer need help.

Total Tots appreciates the many people and organizations whose donations have allowed it to serve military families for 20 years and looks forward to the future. If interested in donating to Total Tots, call ACS at 876-5397.

"We are just adding to the many services that are offered to our servicemembers," Dempsey said. "When nothing else falls into place, we are there. That's our role."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**STILL SERVING**—Total Tots board chairman Pam Stieglitz, left, and coordinator Virginia Dempsey have seen the program through 20 years.

# Soldier Show performances promise to lift spirits

Annual musical extravaganza  
part of Armed Forces Week

By SHAREE MILLER  
For the Rocket

This year's U.S. Army Soldier Show will again have three performances locally. There will be two performances July 11 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and one performance July 12 at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall.

The Soldier Show will unveil Reveille: Answering the Call," a 90-minute song and dance production that came from the new Army motto: Call to Duty, answering loudly and clearly with reasons why Soldiers join the Army. For the civilian audience, it may illustrate why people join. For the military audience, it might remind them why – what their initial reasons were and why they continue to serve.

The bottom line, however, remains the same: "Entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier," the working motto of Army Entertainment Division.

The 19-Soldier troupe is scheduled for 102 performances across America, Korea and at Camp Zama, Japan ending back at Fort Belvoir, Va., on Nov. 13. Fort Belvoir is the home of the Army Entertainment Division, one of more than 50 programs provided to Soldiers and their families by the Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

"The message of the show is that it doesn't matter how tough we are and it doesn't matter how fit to fight we are, Sol-



Photo by Tim Hipps/USACFSC Public Affairs

**STRING MUSIC—** Spc. Elisabeth Graham of Fort Jackson, S.C., plays the violin during the U.S. Army Soldier Show's performance of "Breakaway" by Kelly Clarkson.

diers are still human and longing for the familiar and America's affection," Soldier Show director Victor Hurtado said.

The cast and crew will attempt to bring his vision to life with musical genres rhythm and blues, new rock, country, gospel, eclectic new wave/new age, patriotic and newly arranged movie themes.

Calling the show "our gift to the American Soldier," Hurtado stresses his desire to leave audiences with a sense of newfound knowledge.

"It's not just about singing and dancing; it's about each audience member getting something out of it – being entertained, being moved, being inspired," he

said. "We want to give them something to think about until next year – lift their spirits and grow their minds."

More than 400 Soldiers submitted applications to perform in the Soldier Show. Twenty-five were invited for live auditions, and 16 made the show. Three audio and lighting technicians will accompany them on tour.

Tickets are being distributed first to the active duty Soldiers, retirees, and National Guard or Reserve; and all remaining tickets will be available to the public starting Thursday. Tickets are limited to four per person. Tickets can be picked up at Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711, during normal business hours of Tuesdays through Fridays 1:30-8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce will also have tickets for distribution at 225 Church St. weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Thursday. Those without a ticket to the show still have a final opportunity. Any unfilled seats will be available for those who choose to come to the Von Braun Center Concert Hall prior to each show and wait.

The show is free because of national sponsors and local support. Army National Guard and AT&T are sponsoring this year's show. Locally, the Chamber of Commerce is assisting Morale Welfare and Recreation with the performance venue and other requirements. For more information about the Soldier Show or tickets, call Adrian Baker at 955-7399.

# Music, fireworks launch Armed Forces Celebration

By SHAREE MILLER  
For the Rocket

The Concert in the Park series, sponsored by the city of Huntsville and the Arts Council, will end the first day of Armed Forces Week with a bang. This year the concert will be held July 10 at Ditto Landing in south Huntsville.

The free concert featuring the 82nd All-American Chorus and AMC's Own 389th Army Band begins at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. The concert is part of Armed Forces Celebration Week, July 10-15. The Monday night concert in the park has become an annual event.

"The Armed Forces Week Concert in the Park is always one of our largest crowds," Rusty Wilkerson, Concert in the Park coordinator, said. "Anytime we have an Army band we tend to draw a crowd. Especially with what is going on in the world right now, people love to come out and support them."

In addition to the concert in the park, military hardware such as helicopters, aircraft and weapon systems, will be on display. The various aviation and missile systems will spread out close to the



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**AIRBORNE VOICES—** The 82nd All-American Chorus will perform during the Armed Forces Week Concert in the Park, July 10 at Ditto Landing.

main pavilion for all to see. The 82nd All-American Chorus will kick off the night at 6:30. The AMC's Own 389th Army Band will begin around 7:45 and the concert will conclude with a fireworks display at approximately 9.

The All-American Chorus is a nonprofit musical group com-

posed of 82nd Airborne Division troopers representing every unit within the division. An informal organization, the All-American Chorus was formed in November 1967 to sing at Sunday services in the division chapel. At that time the chorus consisted of about 15 members.

Today the All-American Chorus performs throughout the continental United States. Though its primary mission remains serving the Soldiers of the U.S. Army and Fort Bragg, N.C., its off-post performances continue to increase, so much in fact that it has become one of the Army's

greatest recruiting tools. Appearing in their maroon berets, ascots, and spit-shined jump boots, the troopers of the All-American Chorus serve as ambassadors for the 82nd Airborne Division.

The 389th Army Band's history and tradition go back almost 60 years, and the band has ties and "lineage" that can be traced back to the 13th Cavalry Regimental Band and the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band. The 389th Army Band was activated at Fort Monmouth, N.J., in 1944. During World War II, the 389th Army Band helped sell more than \$1 million in War Bonds, and was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) for its contribution to the war effort. In 1986, the secretary of the Army designated the 389th Army Band as "AMC's Own," meaning the band represents all of the 65,000 Army Materiel Command military and civilian personnel.

For more information about the Armed Forces Celebration Week Concert in the Park, call the Arts Council at 519-2787, visit the web site at [www.artshuntsville.org](http://www.artshuntsville.org) or call the Public Affairs Office at 842-0558.

# Outgoing Kwajalein commander moving to Pentagon

Change of command  
scheduled July 11

By LUANNE FANTASIA  
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After two years as commander of an Army installation in the middle of the Pacific Ocean that saw major logistical and operational changes, Col. Beverly Stipe said she thoroughly enjoyed being responsible for an organization and a community that wanted to see things change as much as she did.

"I wouldn't give back one minute of one day. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment, and I cherished every opportunity I had to interact with the staffs, community and the Marshallese people," Stipe said, while making her goodbye visit in Huntsville recently.

Stipe leaves Kwajalein — the three-mile island roughly halfway between Honolulu and Guam — for a Pentagon staff job after her change of command July 11. The Army Kwajalein Atoll/Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site's primary missions are intercontinental ballistic missile testing, new foreign launch tracking, and space-object identification.

The USAKA work force and community is comprised of approximately 3,400 American and Marshallese employees and family members on Kwajalein, Meck and Roi-Namur islands.

"It was tough being 7,000 miles from our higher headquarters, but at the same time, it was reassuring that my supervisors allowed me to lead unconditionally," she said. "Their trust in us was evident."

The Kwajalein Support Directorate at Redstone Arsenal, led by Army Lt. Col. Bill Whitney, serves as an extension of the Reagan Test Site (Range) program, facilitating staff coordination, resource management and logistical support.

During her two-year tenure as USAKA commander, Stipe's staff and members of the lead contractor, Kwajalein Range Systems, or KRS, hosted more than 30 senators and staff members for congressional delegation, or CODEL, visits.

"Each visit was specifically tailored to the individual or group visiting, and they left Kwajalein with an important appreciation for the critical missions conducted on a routine basis for the nation," Stipe said.

Although security measures preclude USAKA/RTS missions from high visibility, "we actually have developed an operational link to the combat commanders, through satellite and intelligence data gathering, and space situational awareness," she explained.

Situated in one of the most corrosive environments in the world, the island infrastructure suffers. Some members of the work force and community still reside in 1960s era trailers. Many of the 1950s era concrete buildings are failing as the unprotected rebar rusts and expands, breaking concrete away from the structure.

Stipe explained that Kwajalein is considered a "special" installation, therefore not funded by the Installation Management Agency. The majority of operational funds are allocated through Research, Development, Test and Evaluation money,



Photo by LuAnne Fantasia

Col. Beverly Stipe

and efforts to cut costs or Lean expensive programs are ongoing.

She said that a total savings of more than \$13 million in a two-year period are pumped back into projects where the infrastructure is failing. This small city with big infrastructure includes international airport and harbor operations; typical power, water and sewer operations; and facility management of 11 leased Marshallese islands within the Kwajalein Atoll, many of which support optics, telemetry or radar technology.

To establish a cost baseline, Stipe said an independent assessment team visited Kwajalein about 20 months ago, to calculate how much it actually costs to conduct operations on this major range and test facility base.

"The team attempted to determine the most fiscally responsive way for USAKA to operate and gave us several options."

## Reducing the footprint

One option includes building an under-sea fiber optic cable — from Kwajalein to Guam with a direct link to the Mainland — that will enable USAKA to distribute some mission operations and positions back to Huntsville.

The cable project, with a target completion date of March 2008, is a natural extension to the Kwajalein Modernization and Remoting, or KMAR, program started in 2000. KMAR included building an inter-atoll fiber system linking all 11 operational islands, and incorporating a technology upgrade of the on-island radars, and is progressively part of the ROSA concept (Radar Open Systems Architecture) that standardizes back-end electronics of the radar suite on Roi-Namur. As the first move in this direction three years ago, the radars underwent major upgrades. Two years ago, control of the radars from Roi-Namur was remoted to Kwajalein at RTS's range.

"ROSA has improved system reliability and reduced maintenance and labor costs and is being significantly adapted by many other test and evaluation ranges," Stipe said.

"Next, we committed to moving the majority of our operational space mission to Huntsville and have identified some functions that can be performed here," she

said. "We have 36 USAKA employees — including six Marshallese employees — who will relocate to Huntsville before the end of the summer."

She said KRS is currently working with the Marshallese employees — some with family members — on quality of life issues such as ESL (English as a second language) and driver license, etc., to prepare them for an easier transition to the United States.

USAKA took a substantial budget cut in 2004, and the assessment team helped Stipe find paths to the way ahead.

"But, it was the people on Kwajalein who made survival possible. The work force came up with some very creative ways to reduce costs. They thought of ways to make improvements that contributed to both mission and quality of life on the islands," Stipe said, including identifying potential new customers for the Range. USAKA has been successful in courting external range customers like NASA to build and launch its Falcon I program on the island of Omelek — a program sponsored by SpaceX company, owned by Elon Musk.

"This program is a launch-on-demand lift capability that puts satellites into orbit ... and the fact that this was accomplished in less than two years is unfathomable in the missile community today," she said.

## Personally speaking

Stipe said she'll miss the sunrises cresting the ocean and sunsets falling below the lagoon. She jokes that she will also miss the early-morning and evening bugle calls, a product of her desire to reacquaint the mostly-contractor community with the sounds of U.S. military installations across the world.

"I'll miss the connection we have established with the U.S. Embassy in Majuro, the Marshallese government leadership ... military and Department of Army civilians on the staff, and the small-city closeness with large-city infrastructure."

She added that the two-year separation from her husband, Gary, was the hardest two years of their 23-year marriage.

"I don't plan to put us in a situation of being separated again ... if I can help it," Stipe said. There's a perception that it would be a conflict of interest for the USAKA commander's spouse to be employed on the island; that the spouse couldn't work for either the command or a contractor on the island.

"This perception needs to change," she said. "A couple cannot (emotionally) afford to do this job without each other ... or (financially) if they have kids in college."

"I'm a very visual person," Stipe added. "I was told to be patient. I was told that if I envision it, the next commander will either execute it or cancel it. I have difficulty waiting for an approved program to take root, so when you consider the magnitude of change associated with the past two years, the face of Kwajalein has certainly been impacted ... by brute force or by very capable and creative planning and execution. I'm very proud of what we have done and excited about the future ... for things yet to come."

Col. Steve Reed, the inbound USAKA commander, visited there in April.

"He seems to have a similar visual philosophy," Stipe said of her successor. "Progress is good. Change is good. The future of Kwajalein is sound, but is Kwajalein ready for round two? I think so!"

## America's First Team set to deploy

By Sgt. COLBY HAUSER  
Army News Service

FORT HOOD, Texas — News that the Department of Defense announced the deployment of the 1st Cavalry Division Headquarters element and the 2nd and 3rd Brigade Combat Teams to Iraq spread like wildfire throughout the division last week.

Since their return from a yearlong deployment in March 2005, the Soldiers have contributed to humanitarian missions in New Orleans and hurricane relief efforts in Pakistan. The division also transformed to the Army's new modularity concept, through which individual headquarters and combat brigades can receive orders to deploy.

"The First Team has been preparing for this announcement and is ready to answer our nation's call," Maj. Gen. Joe Fil, 1st Cavalry Division commander, said. "They are the best trained, the best equipped, and they are supported by the best people, their loved ones and the good people of Central Texas."

Experience replaces concerns and worries for many of the Soldiers, who have already deployed to Iraq once.

"I was worried the first time I deployed," said Spc. Courtney Yeargin, a signals intelligence analyst with Headquarters Company, Division Special

Troops Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. "I'm more comfortable with it the second time around because I know what to expect, and I guess that makes it not as stressful."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**FAMILY TIME—** Maj. Gen. Joe Fil is shown with his wife, Wendy, last fall at Redstone. His wife and two daughters stayed here while he did a tour in Iraq as commander of the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team. They moved to Fort Hood where he commands the 1st Cavalry Division.

# Dinges pulling up anchor to sail into sunset

Retirement onboard  
for September

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As the deputy director of the Advance Science and Technology Directorate, life hasn't always been smooth sailing for Jim Dinges, but he's hoping retirement will. On Sept. 1 he's leaving the job he loves to spend his days with the other two great loves of his life, his wife and his boat.

Dinges came into the military the same way a lot of his generation did – Uncle Sam made him an offer he couldn't refuse. Instead of heading for the jungles of Vietnam, his engineering degree landed him at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., for two years.

"I was an enlisted Soldier engineer," Dinges explained. While there he worked on projects such as modifying detonation caps for artillery shells to make them safer for Soldiers to use in the rainy environment of the theater.

"The detonator was flush with the end and a 10 millimeter rain-drop would explode it. We were losing some of our Soldiers. We came up with this concept. We put these little pins in it so that rain hits it and it breaks up and goes out these holes so that it doesn't go off," he explained. "It's the same sort of thing we do here now except we deal in missiles. A lot of the satisfaction is taking a product we have out there and making it better, finding new ways to use old things."

Little did he know that later in

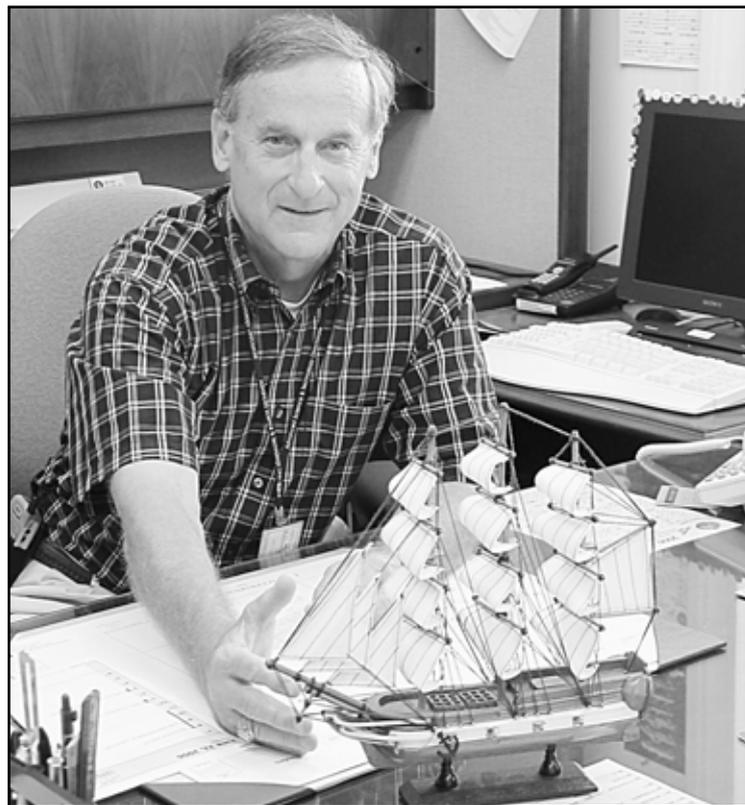


Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**SHIPPING OUT—** Avid boater Jim Dinges, deputy director of the Advance Science and Technology Directorate, knows where he's going when he retires in September.

his career he would come back to the same type of work. While at Picatinny, his wife began working for the government. When his time in the green suit was served, Dinges happily returned to civilian life and went to work in private industry. His wife continued her civil service career. After a few years he made the switch himself.

"While we were at Picatinny Arsenal, my wife started working for the government. Wherever

we went, she stayed with the government," he said. "Finally in 1978 or 1979 when she was at Fort Campbell (Ky.), I had an opportunity to go to TACOM. I went for a year. It was a great place. We loved the people, just not the cold."

In 1980, they seized the chance for better weather here at Redstone Arsenal. They've been here ever since. He joined the team at ASTD in 1986.

In his current position he does

much of the same thing as he did all those years ago – coming up with ways to alter and adapt systems to better suit current and future needs. His work puts him in direct contact with the Soldiers and systems he's serving. Dinges thinks that makes him a lucky guy.

"We're kind of the front end of the Army. We deal with the Soldier. We're able to go out into the field and develop ideas to satisfy their materiel needs. You meet a lot of nice people, too," Dinges said. "The idea of being able to come up with something and see it go all the way out into the field – it's just a great feeling. You get to do all of the blue sky. You get to interface with the user people, yet you don't have all the paperwork that you do when it becomes a full program."

Devoting so much of his life to the job hasn't left him much time for his other passion, boating, but he's still managed to put all that he could into it. Dinges has earned his master captain designation and is a certified marine surveyor. Although he's an avid boater, Dinges professes that he's not much of a fisherman.

"Growing up in Missouri on the Gasconade River, I'm kind of fished out," he said, laughing.

Dinges plans to put his hobby to work when he retires. He is opening his own business, AYS Marine. The idea is that he can take something he loves to do and make a little money at it, while working his schedule around all of the fun he plans on having traveling with his wife. She retired from Logistics Support Activity three years ago and has been patiently waiting for

him to reach the same point in his career so that they could begin their adventures together.

The two have purchased a vacation home in Panama City that they plan to divide their time between seasonally. He's also planning a lot of trips in the coming year.

"I have a marine surveyor conference in Portland, Maine. We're going to leave two days after Labor Day going up (to) Montreal, Quebec City, Nova Scotia and come back down to the conference. After that we're going to hit the Outer Banks before we come home," he said. "Then we're moving down to Florida around Thanksgiving time frame."

Dinges said that a lot of people have asked him if he plans to continue the work he's been doing at Redstone in the private sector for a contractor. He is quick to set them straight.

"If I'm going to do this kind of work then here is the place to be," he said, gesturing to the office around him. "It's a great place to work with great people. The work is consistent. There's always a challenge. The best part is being able to do something for the people who need your help, the Soldiers. It's a great feeling. If you can save one Soldier's life, then what you've done out of this organization has really accomplished something."

He's also interested to see the direction in which ASTD is headed, albeit from the sidelines.

"We're getting a bunch of younger people in. They've got new ideas and new perspectives," he said. "It's going to be exciting to watch, but it's still time for me to go."

## Civil Air Patrol cadets visit service academies

Two Civil Air Patrol cadets of the Redstone Composite Squadron 119 were guests of the U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy last week.

Cadet Tech Sgt. Garrett Bain was at the Air Force Academy's Summer Seminar spending a week seeing what life is like as an AFA cadet. Likewise, Cadet Airman 1st Class Travis Wilson was spending a week at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., seeing what life

would be like as a plebe.

Both cadets hope to get an appointment to the service academies next year when they graduate from high school. Wilson attends Catholic High in Huntsville and Bain attends high school in Arab.

The Redstone Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol currently has a former cadet at West Point and several on Army and Air Force ROTC scholarships.

Civil Air Patrol's Cadet Program

is designed to provide youth, from sixth grade through age 20 with a safe, encouraging environment in which to learn, mature and explore opportunities to help them reach their potential as adults.

The cadets meet every Tuesday night from 6-8 at the Civil Air Patrol building behind the Flying Activity at Redstone Airfield. For more information about Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, call Capt. Dani Richard at 726-2076. (Civil Air Patrol release)

## Shedding light on fluorescent lamps

The Redstone Arsenal Energy Management Office wants to attune consumers to some common misconceptions:

**Myth:** Fluorescent lighting is unhealthy.

**Fact:** Fluorescent lighting has changed a lot in the last few years. Today, fluorescent lamps have greatly improved color quality. The annoying flicker and hum associat-

ed with fluorescent lamps has been eliminated with the use of electronic ballasts. Of course, fluorescents are more efficient than standard incandescent lighting. Because they require less electricity, fluorescents generate less power plant pollution, emissions which have many known health effects. Fluorescent lights also contain small amounts of mercury, and should be

disposed of properly. However, even more mercury releases are avoided thanks to reduced use of the mercury-containing fossil fuels used to generate electricity. If it's been awhile since you tried fluorescent lights, you might give them another chance.

For more information, call energy manager Mark Smith 842-0014.

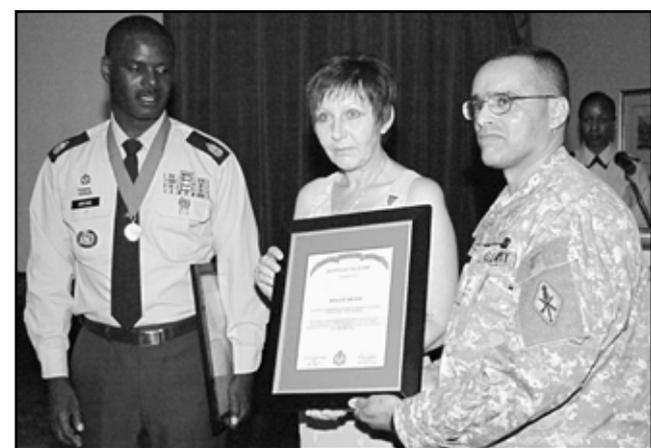


Photo by Sgt. Eliamar Trapp

## Sergeant major retires

After 30 years service Sgt. Maj. Calvin Archie, left, former commandant of the NCO Academy, 59th Ordnance Brigade, will be officially retired June 30. Col. Jose Enriquez, 59th Ordnance Brigade commander, presents Archie with the Samuel Sharpe Award for his dedication to his country and the Ordnance Corps during a retirement dinner June 21. Renate, Archie's wife, was awarded the Keeper of the Flame award for her devotion, hard work and dedication of Archie's military career. The Archies have been married 29 years.

# Simulation Center has role in Homeland Defense exercise

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The Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's Simulation Center was a heavy hitter in the simulated asymmetrical homeland defense training exercise, Amalgam Arrow 2006-07, in mid-April.

With the 1st Air Force Homeland Defense Distributed Mission Operations at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., in the lead, the NORAD-sponsored exercise proved that command and control skills for homeland integrated air defense can be trained through distributed, man-in-the-loop, virtual simulation — a requirement recognized immediately following Sept. 11, 2001.

“Man-in-the-loop, virtual simulation is, in all likelihood, the most promising venue for training multiple services and government agencies,” said Army Col. Nanette Mueller, chief of air and missile defense in the command's G-3, or Operations.

It was at her request that the Simulation Center — part of the command's Future Warfare Center — developed and fielded virtual simulation capability.

“That is key to analyzing and training for the homeland air and cruise missile defense mission,” said Lt. Col. Kevin Hathaway, program manager for the command's Distributed Mission Operations-Air Defense Artillery.



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**PRACTICAL PRACTICE—** Soldiers of the 164th ADA Brigade, Florida National Guard, learn to engage under restrictive command and control measures during a homeland defense exercise at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. SMDC/ARSTRAT's Simulation Center developed and fielded a man-in-the-loop, virtual simulation that played heavily in the exercise, where 12 command, control and communications systems nationwide talked to each other simultaneously.

Although players in the exercise were scattered nationwide, 12 distributed locations (including “Team Huntsville”) participated in the exercise, to successfully manage simulated real-world emergencies, and simulate airborne threats against the homeland, according to Hathaway.



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## Challenge met

Kevin Hoecherl, center, a 2006 Army Aviation Association of America Tennessee Valley Chapter Aviation Challenge scholarship recipient, graduates from the six-day camp June 9 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. He is the 16-year-old son of Maj. Joe and Kelly Hoecherl of Madison. With him are chapter board members Maj. Jason Galindo, left, and Al Carreon.

# Postseason softball tournament has explosive start

## Gators and medics win in first round

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Headquarters & Alpha and MEDDAC needed a lot of runs on opening night of the postseason softball tournament.

Both had to score in double figures to get past their first-round opponents.

Headquarters & Alpha beat the NCO

Academy 13-9 and MEDDAC outslugged HHC 59th 21-13 on June 22 at Linton Field. The final for the six-team, double-elimination tournament is scheduled Thursday night at 6.

"We kept playing," Headquarters & Alpha coach/catcher Herman Payne said of the key to his team's win. "Just kept our heads in the game when we were down. Guys stayed focused."

Winning pitcher James Copley had two hits and scored a run for the Gators (8-6), scheduled to face the Marines on June 26 in the winners bracket. The Marines (12-

2) had a first-round bye.

James Godine had two hits with a triple and scored twice for the NCO Academy (6-9), scheduled to play June 27 in the losers bracket.

"We didn't hit the ball today," NCO Academy coach/pitcher Daniel Irizarry said. "Made a couple of errors, too."

In the nightcap, MEDDAC exploded for 10 runs in the first inning against HHC 59th. First baseman Eric Moorman hit for the cycle with a two-run homer, triple, double and single.

MEDDAC coach/third baseman Mike Wolonsky had a simple explanation after his team improved to 6-9.

"We got all our players back," he said. They missed games because of class dates, temporary duty assignments and other trips out of town. The team's new players included pitcher Steve Hogan, second baseman Ken Washington and left center David Ali.

HHC 59th (7-7), on the other hand, was missing players.

"I got three players TDY and about three players on leave," lamented HHC 59th coach/right center Chetoria Jackson. "My pitcher's not here, my left center fielder's not here, my second baseman's not here and my right fielder's not here. We've still got players we normally play with but they



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SAFE AT FIRST**— Headquarters & Alpha pitcher James Copley singles in the second inning for the Gators as NCO Academy first baseman Richard McKeithan awaits a throw.

were playing out of position."

MEDDAC advanced to a scheduled June 26 game against Bravo (11-3) in the winners bracket. The Bulldogs had a first-round bye.

HHC 59th was scheduled to play June 27 in the losers bracket.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HITS KEEP COMING**— HHC 59th's Henry Hayes gets the start but doesn't finish MEDDAC's 10-run first inning.



## Sports & Recreation

### Boating safety

The Huntsville Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, a nationwide non-profit boating safety organization, will present a two-day "Boat Smart" course to anyone age 12 and up July 15 and July 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days in the Extreme Marine building at Riverwalk Marina in Decatur. The course is free. Optional study guide is \$20. The course includes Alabama laws, safe boating, docking/undocking, trailering, knots and lines, and more. Graduates receive a certificate qualifying them for "V" on Alabama driver's license. Free refreshments. Call Daryl 721-7599 to sign up.

### Hiking trails

Burritt on the Mountain, "A Living Museum," has a series of mountain nature trails that connect the Huntsville Land Trust and the State Park, affording miles of hiking. But the most important trail may be the handicapped accessible trail that is paved for easy access. If visitors are using a wheelchair, stroller, or just need a smooth surface for walking, this paved trail has been used as a model across the nation. During the week of July 10, Armed Forces Week, Burritt is free to all military with identification. The rest of the year, Burritt offers military discounts. The Burritt Mansion and Historic Park are also handicapped accessible. For more information, call 536-2882.

### Mud volleyball

The 18th annual CASA Mud Volleyball Tournament is July 15 at 9 a.m. at Swan Creek Park in Athens (on Highway 31, south of Athens High School). Proceeds will benefit Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound of Limestone County. Fee is \$15 per player. Team entry deadline is Friday at 3 p.m. No admission charge for spectators. For more informa-

tion, call coordinator Heather Meredith 232-5751.

### Youth soccer

Youth Sports is registering youth ages 5-13 for youth soccer through Aug. 4. The registration cost is \$45 plus \$18 CYS central registration fee if not already paid. Registration includes uniform. A copy of the child's birth certificate and a current sport physical is required at the time of registration. Call 313-3699 for more information.

### Junior golf program

The Junior Golf Program is for ages 7-17, at 2 p.m. biweekly on Saturdays through Sept. 16 at the Links at Redstone. The cost is \$5, per child, per clinic, to be paid on the date of the clinic. Clinic dates are July 8, July 22, Aug. 5, Aug. 19, Sept. 2 and Sept. 16. And Sept. 16 will be the Junior Golf Club Championship. No registration is required for biweekly clinics. For more information, call 883-7977.

### Golf classic

The Basketball Boosters of Johnson High School will have its inaugural Golf Classic on Aug. 11 with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. at Colonial Golf Course. This is a four-man-Scramble format, and individuals are welcome to sign up. Cost is \$75 per golfer. Gift certificates from Colonial Golf Course will be awarded to winners. For more information call Wallace D. Steele 852-5158 or 682-0254, Jeffrey Garner 851-8095 or Dawn Lanier 656-8989.

### Benefit tournament

The second annual Jimmy McDonald Memorial Golf Tournament is Aug. 7 at Hampton Cover Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail "Highlands Course." This event is sponsored by Huntsville West Kiwanis with proceeds to benefit ALS Association (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and other Kiwanis projects in Madison County. Call Brian Jones 650-4042 or Jon Peters 228-0230 for more information.



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## Cake cutting

Headquarters, Army Materiel Command celebrates the Army's 231st birthday with an outdoor ceremony and concert June 16. AMC commander Gen. Benjamin Griffin and AMC G-3 Sgt. Maj. Alton Walton are joined by headquarters' most junior Soldier and civilian, Spc. Joann Perez and Candace Lyons, in the traditional cake cutting ceremony. Approximately 200 command personnel and family attended the event at Fort Belvoir, Va.

### On the links

A Flag Tournament will be held July 4 at the Links at Redstone. The cost is \$11 for members and \$15 for non-members plus greens fees. A Two-man Four-Ball Tournament will be held July 8. The cost is \$35 per person plus greens fees. The cost for this tournament includes a golf car, food, drinks and prizes. A Couple's Best Ball Tournament will be held July 16. The cost is \$20 per person plus greens fees. The cost includes food, drinks and prizes. For more information on these programs, call 883-7977.

### Vipers football

Tennessee Valley Vipers will entertain South Georgia Wildcats on "Military Appreciation Night," July 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. Tickets for this arenafootball2 game are available at the box office for \$5 off for seating levels with valid military ID. For ticket and game information, go to [www.vipers.tv](http://www.vipers.tv).



## Conferences & Meetings

### Toastmasters

Tennessee Valley Toastmasters meets the first and third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Radisson Inn, 8721 Highway 20 West, Madison. For information call 876-8706 or e-mail [amy.donlin@us.army.mil](mailto:amy.donlin@us.army.mil).

### Enlisted spouses

Enlisted Spouses Club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center. New members are always welcome. Child care reimbursement is available to members. For more information, call Jean Mulcahy 881-7024.

### Helicopter technology

The Southeast Region and the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Helicopter Society and the Colonial Virginia Chapter of Army Aviation Association of America will sponsor a national conference on Helicopter Military Operations Technology, Oct. 24-26 at Fort Eustis, Va. "Global Operations: Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Military Aviation/Industry Team" is the theme. For information call Jerry Irvine, public affairs officer for the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, (757) 878-3272.

### Engineering group

Danny Hardin, senior research scientist at the Information Technology and Systems Center at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, is scheduled speaker for an IEEE meeting 11:15 a.m. July 11 at Adtran Executive Cafeteria. To get there, take Bradford Drive west past Research Park Boulevard, then continue through the stop light at Explorer Boulevard; Adtran East Tower is straight ahead, continue straight to the front courtyard. You do not have to be an IEEE member to attend. All guests are welcome. For reservations call Daniel Chang 963-8620.

### Business professionals

Business Expo 2006 is set for Aug. 22 at the Von Braun Center South Hall. The kickoff lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with nationally-renowned speaker Lou Heckler describing how to provide outstanding customer service. Exhibits open at 1 p.m. and will conclude at 6. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County 535-2000 or visit [www.huntsvillealabamusa.com](http://www.huntsvillealabamusa.com).



Photo by Lira Frye

## Summer fun

Madison City Police Kids Camp participants Evan Brower and Skyler Schmidt learn about the Huey helicopter from pilot Les Haas during the group's visit to Redstone Arsenal Thursday. Officers from Madison City Police brought more than 100 upcoming sixth-graders to Redstone to visit the airfield and watch a military working dog demonstration.

### Civil War round table

"Pillows Raid," a talk about the Confederate raid to cut the railroad lines supplying Gen. Sherman's Atlanta campaign will be presented by Morris Penny for the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table at 6:30 p.m. July 13 at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St., north entrance. Penny is a frequent speaker on Civil War topics and co-author of a book on Law's Alabama Brigade. The meeting is free; and visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$6.95. For more information, call 858-6191.

### Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer Users Group will feature Jim Offenbecher, an expert on PC operating systems and networking, at 10:45 a.m. July 8 at the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. At 9:15 a program for the Internet Special Interest Group will be presented by Eunice Bellingrath. For more information, call 883-9601.

## ? Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt. 1st Class Harold Cook 876-8710 or Chief Warrant Officer Robert Smith 955-9722.

### Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

### Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. Go to [www.gsauctions.gov](http://www.gsauctions.gov), search by State of Alabama; and there you

will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-4667.

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9-4 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. The shop is accepting summer clothing/items. The shop will be closed July 4; and it will be open Saturday, July 8 from 10-2. For more information, call 881-6992.

### Computer classes

Self-paced computer classes are offered at Army Community Service to assist military spouses in learning or enhancing their computer skills. Classes are available in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Publisher and Windows XP. All classes are free and are offered Monday through Friday anytime between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Certificates will be given after successful completion. Call 876-5397 to pre-register.

### Chapel services

Weekly services at Bicentennial Chapel, on Goss Road, include: Weekdays (except Friday) - noon Catholic Mass. Saturday - 5 p.m. Catholic Mass. Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, 10:45 a.m. CCD, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, 11 a.m. Protestant Worship Service. Many Bible studies are throughout the week. For information call 876-2409.

### Volunteer opportunities

There are many benefits to volunteering. One is to make a difference, and at Army Community Service you can do that by giving your time to help Soldiers, family members and retirees. But you can also help yourself by gaining skills and teamwork experience, boosting your self-confidence in the workplace, and gathering job experience to put in that otherwise blank spot on your resume. ACS has different programs that need volunteers as



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Cleanup time

Members of the Military Pay Office clean up around building 3207 last Thursday since Redstone contract support was reduced. "We're doing this just to help out," director Sonya Morris said. Clockwise from foreground are military pay technician Lito Valencia, quality review technician Rick Brizendine and Morris.



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## Looking for love

If interested in taking these kittens home, call the Veterinary Treatment Facility at 876-2441.

assistants. The hours and days are flexible and child care is free while you are volunteering. No experience necessary. Be a part of the ACS team. Call Phyllis Cox 876-5397.

### TOW system reunion

The TOW missile system has been in existence since the 1960s. The TOW Reunion is planned Sept. 8-9 for everyone who has contributed to the system through the years. A registration web site has been established at <http://towreunion.com/> or call Jack Conway 562-2132. The chairman of the reunion committee is George Williams, former program executive officer for tactical missiles and former TOW deputy project manager. Chuck Ruddy, of Raytheon marketing and business development, is co-chairman.

### American Idol singer

Carrie Underwood, the 2005 American Idol winner, along with special guest Josh Turner, are coming to Redstone Arsenal July 21. Tickets can be purchased at the Post Exchange, ITR, Officers and Civilians Club, Sparkman Cafeteria, Outdoor Recreation, Hotel Redstone, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and all Ticketmaster locations. Cost is \$18 for general admission tickets. On the night of the concert, Redstone employees should use any gate other than Gate 10 (Patton Road); they will be routed to the concert venue. Gate 10 will open at 4 p.m. for motorists without decals or badges. Non-Redstone concertgoers should have valid driver's licenses, registration and proof of insurance. For more information, call 876-4531 or 876-5232.

### Johnson High reunion

Johnson High School's Class of 1986 20-year reunion is Aug. 4-5 at the Holiday Inn-Research (Madison Square Mall). Those interested can send their address and phone number to [joj1986@earthlink.net](mailto:joj1986@earthlink.net) or call Jenise Showers 457-4633.

### Ordnance ball

The 59th Ordnance Brigade would like to invite all Ordnance Soldiers of the present, past and future to commemorate the gallantry of the Ordnance Corps and to promote "esprit de corps" during the Ordnance Ball (South), July 14 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is chief of Ordnance Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles, commander, Army Ordnance Center and Schools, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lt. Col. Thomas Coburn 876-3508.

### Post Exchange news

The PX would like to thank its customers for being their first choice. In order to do that, it wants to help you buy a summer wardrobe for your vacation this year. Every Monday in June, the PX will give away a \$500 gift card to one of its valued customers. "This is just another way of saying thank you for shopping your AAFES Redstone PX," a prepared release said. ... The PX will host a representative from the VitaMix Corporation July 13-17. Stop by and see a demonstration of the Total Nutrition Center for healthy-living food choices. ... Would you like to get the inside scoop on all the specials, sales new products and events at the PX? Join the PX Buddy List. Simply fill out the form available at any cash register or at customer service, and turn it in at the manager's office. All the PX needs is your e-mail address, and you will be added to the list. For more details call Kim Sumpter, sales and merchandise manager, 883-6100 or e-mail [sumpterkim@aafes.com](mailto:sumpterkim@aafes.com).

### Job hunters

Army Community Service will have a local recruiter come in Thursday at 9 a.m. at ACS to assist people in their job search. Topics will include what local employers look for in a candidate and how to market yourself appropriately. Call 876-5397 to reserve a seat.

### Six Flags salute

Six Flags Over Georgia will offer a day of family fun at a discounted package price to all Redstone Arsenal Soldiers, employees and families during the Salute to Team Redstone Day on July 15. For \$35 a ticket, patrons from Redstone Arsenal will receive free parking, access to the park from open to close, an all-you-can-eat dinner in a private pavilion with Six Flags characters and a chance to win door prizes. The first 50 people who sign up for Salute to Team Redstone Day will receive a free Six Flags T-shirt. In addition, White Water tickets may be purchased as part of this special offer for an additional \$10 each. MWR's ITR is working on plans to provide bus transportation for this event. For tickets or more information, call 876-4531 or stop by the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711 at the corner of Aerobee and Patton roads.

### Heroes display

As the war in Iraq and Afghanistan continues, Team Redstone wants to continue to recognize the Soldiers serving this country. The Tradition of Heroes displays in building 5300 of the Sparkman Center and Garrison headquarters building 4488 serve that very purpose. If you would like to recognize a Soldier who has served or is currently serving in OIF or OEF by having his or her picture placed on the Tradition of Heroes display, call Julie Frederick 955-9174 or by e-mail [julie.a.frederick@us.army.mil](mailto:julie.a.frederick@us.army.mil).

### Vehicle safety checkpoint

The Directorate of Emergency Services will conduct a vehicle safety checkpoint Thursday morning from 9 until 10 on Goss Road adjacent to the ball fields.

### Commissary news

The Commissary will be open July 4 for your shopping convenience with normal shopping hours, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## ACS open house

Army Community Service invites the Redstone community to celebrate its 41 years of customer service. An open house is scheduled 1:30 p.m. July 10 after the Soldier/NCO of the Year luncheon. As part of Armed Forces Week, refreshments will be served and information about ACS programs and events will be on display. ACS is located in building 3338 on Redeye Road. For more information, call 876-5397.

## Contract managers group

National Contract Management Association, Huntsville Chapter has inducted the following 2006-07 chapter year officers: president Randy Centanni of Lockheed Martin Corporation, president-elect Doyle McBride of Qualis Corporation, executive vice president Michael Bond of AMCOM, vice president of membership Debbie Gerrity of Morgan Stanley Company, secretary Toni Johnson of BAE Systems, treasurer Rokichia Haywood of Morgan Stanley Company and assistant treasurer Leigh Losset of Morgan Stanley Company.

## NCO/Soldier of Year

Redstone Arsenal's NCO and Soldier of the Year luncheon will be held July 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. This year's theme is "We Support You." Ticket price is \$10. To purchase tickets call Master Sgt. Tuynuykua Jackson of OMEMS 876-9224, Sgt. 1st Class Monique Mixon of Garrison 876-8648, Sgt. 1st Class Tamara Williams of AMCOM 876-6836, Sgt. 1st Class Richard James of OMEMS 842-9771 and Sgt. Nanette Clarkson of Fox Army Health Center 955-8888, ext. 1145.

## Health center hours

Fox Army Health Center announces hours for the Independence Day holiday. On Saturday and Monday, July 1 and 3, the Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to noon for scheduled appointments; all other clinics and the pharmacy will be closed. The health center is closed on Sundays and will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. Advice nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments. Fox has no emergency room or emergency medical services. Dial 911 to activate EMS.

## Community education

For information or to register for Calhoun Community College's community education programs, visit the web site [www.calhoun.edu/BIS/CommunityEd](http://www.calhoun.edu/BIS/CommunityEd) or call (256) 260-2462.

## Soldier show

Free tickets for the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show will be available for pick up at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711 at the corner of Patton and Aerobee Roads, during regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday from 1:30-8 p.m., and Saturdays or Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Performances are scheduled July 11 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and July 12 at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Active duty/reserve/retired military personnel in the Redstone community may pick up tickets through Thursday. On Friday all remaining tickets will be on hand for all others. Tickets can also be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are limited to four per person and do not guarantee seating. Fifteen minutes before each show, all empty seats will be made available to anyone on standby with no ticket. It is advisable to arrive early, even if you have tickets. For more information, call 876-4531.

## Logistics engineers

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE is conducting a course in Logistics to prepare logisticians for the November Certified Professional Logistician exam. The first session of the course will be held at 5 p.m. July 17 at CAS Inc. on Old Madison Pike. Classes are held each Monday evening and will run for 14 weeks. For information call Mike Osborne 842-2247.

## MWR auction

Morale Welfare and Recreation is hosting a summer-long eBay auction. For more information or to see items, visit

[www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

## PX holiday hours

Post Exchange will operate with the following hours on Independence Day, July 4: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All Concessions, closed. Furniture Store, closed. One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tire Store, closed. Burger King, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Military Clothing, closed. Barber Shop, building 3479, closed. Food Court - Anthony's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, closed; Robin Hood, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Church's, closed; American Eatery, closed.

## Youth reading

The summer reading program is an activity sponsored by Child and Youth Services and supported by the Huntsville City School System. The goal of the program

is to provide students with the opportunity to read and receive recognition for their reading accomplishments while they are on summer break. The summer reading program is the precursor to the Parent Principal Night that scheduled July 27. For more information, call 876-7801 or 876-3704.

## Blood drives

Red Cross blood drives for July include: July 13 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4488. July 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency, 106 Wynn Drive. July 20 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 7613. July 21 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316 and 7-noon at Corps of Engineers. July 27 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at SMDC building 5220 and the Sparkman Center. July 28 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400.

## ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?																			
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U								
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT <a href="http://WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL">WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</a>																											
SCBK063518895	Secretary (OA)	28-Jun-06	AMC	GS-0318	8	8	39,177 - 50,929			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										
SCBK063518895D	Secretary (OA)	28-Jun-06	AMC	GS-0318	8	8	39,177 - 50,929														X						
SCBK06352774	Program Supp Analyst (OA)	28-Jun-06	AMRDEC	DK-0303	3	3	35,375 - 50,929	X	X																		
WTST06378220	Security Spec	28-Jun-06	AMC	GG-0080	9	11	42,995 - 55,846	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Landscape Architect, Architect, Civil Engr, Environmental Engr, Mechanical Engr, Electrical Engr, Chemical Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0807, 0810, 0819, 0830, 0850, 0893	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06367362	Electronic Publication Spec	29-Jun-06	IMMC	GS-0301	12	12	62,751 - 81,572			X																	
SCBK06363456	General Supp Spec	29-Jun-06	IMMC	GS-2001	9	9	43,271 - 56,258			X																	
SCNAFBK06082	Laborer	29-Jun-06	Bus Oper Div	NA-3502	3	3	7,90 - 7,90	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06347924	General Engineer	30-Jun-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06347924D	General Engineer	30-Jun-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06375194	Secretary (OA)	30-Jun-06	USAASC	NK-0318	2	2	28,559 - 45,985			X				X		X		X		X							
WTST06333929	Intelligence Spec (GMI Analyst)	30-Jun-06	AMC	GG-0132	7	9/11	35,375 - 68,066	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06378350	Contract Spec	3-Jul-06	AMC-Acc Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	74,621 - 97,003			X																	
SCBK06385863	Administrative Supp Assistant (OA)	5-Jul-06	AMCOM	GS-0303	6	6	31,834 - 41,383	X																			
SCBK06355691	Electronics Engr	5-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06355691D	Electronics Engr	5-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06328389	Mechanical Engr	6-Jul-06	USAASC	GS-0344	8	8	39,177 - 50,929			X																	
SCBK06271907	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Jul-06	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	62,751 - 81,572			X																	
SCBK06386277	Program Supp Assistant (OA)	6-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DK-0303	3	3	35,375 - 50,929	X	X																		
SCBK06281299	Budget Analyst	7-Jul-06	USADTC- Redstone Tech Test Ctr	GS-0560	7	9	35,375 - 56,258	X	X																		
SCBK06266183	Electronics Engr	18-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06266183D	Electronics Engr	18-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06253546R	Mechanical Engr	19-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06253546DR	Mechanical Engr	19-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
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WTST06378220	Security Spec	28-Jun-06	AMC	GG-0080	9	11	42,995 - 55,846	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Mechanical Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0830	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Landscape Architect	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0807	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Environmental Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0819	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Electrical Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0850	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Civil Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0810	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Chemical Engr	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0893	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06303493	Architect	29-Jun-06	Corps of Engrs Huntsville	GS-0808	12	13	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06347924D	General Engineer	30-Jun-06	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
WTST06333929	Intelligence Spec (GMI Analyst)	30-Jun-06	AMC	GG-0132	7	11	35,375 - 68,066	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
SCBK06355691D	Electronics Engr	5-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	62,751 - 97,003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
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SCBK06253546DR	Mechanical Engr	19-Jul-06	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	88,178 - 134,838	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)																											
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																											
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).																											
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																											
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required)																											
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																											
F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documentation service required)																											
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																											
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																											
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																											
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)																											
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																											
U - All U.S. citizens																											
NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.																											
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at <a href="http://www.redstonemwr.com">www.redstonemwr.com</a> or you may telephone 876-7772.																											
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